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Business and Financial Plans Of Southern Baptists

Austin Crouch, Nashville, Tenn.

(The following is the plan proposed by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Texas, 1941.—Editor.)

In order to give assurance to the contributors of the Southern Convention and its agencies that everything humanly possible will be done to avoid debts, and in order to acquaint the denomination with the business methods of the Convention and its agencies, the following was adopted by the Convention May 18, 1939:

I. Operating Budgets

1. Agencies Sharing in the Allocation of Funds:

The various agencies of the Convention sharing in the allocation of funds shall make their operating budgets in the following manner:

(1) The current operating budget of the various boards and agencies of the Convention shall be made on the basis of the cash receipts, distributable and designated, for the regular work of the previous year, not including wills, bequests and special gifts for specific purposes, and any debt incurred within the current year shall become a preferred item in the budget of the ensuing year.

(2) In making the annual appropriations on the basis set forth a contingent item shall be set up in the budget according to the needs of the agency.

(3) It is understood that an agency may borrow money for reasonable needs, provided, however, that such borrowing shall not exceed the amount of its budget allowance remaining at the time of borrowing, and provided further that if an emergency should arise additional money may be borrowed on the approval of the Executive Committee of the Convention. . . .

(3) Convention Budget:

Each agency of the Convention shall submit to the Executive Committee of the Convention, for its approval, at its regular December meeting: (1) An itemized statement of its receipts and of its expenditures for the year ending November 30, preceding the December meeting of the committee. (2) An itemized estimate of its receipts for the next year. (3) An itemized estimate of its expenditures for the next year, according to the rules set forth above for making operating budgets.

The Executive Committee shall, as required by the By-Laws of the Convention, recommend to the Convention an operating budget for the Convention year, which budget shall consist of the sum of all the budgets of all the institutions and agencies

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

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(Below we publish one of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Atonement."—Editor.)



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What The Bible Teachers Concerning Itself

Baptists take their stand upon the principle that "no man seeks in the Bible the guidance it claims to give will be disappointed if he seeks in the right spirit." (Weatherspoon, "The Book We Teach," p. 30.) They are persuaded that no claims should be made for the Bible which it does not make for itself. On the other hand, Baptists are equally convinced that nothing which it does claim for itself should be discounted, perverted, discredited, or ignored. It is their conviction that "every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work" (II Tim. 3:16, 17 ASV).

I SAW OUR MISSIONARIES COME HOME

By D. M. Nelson, Jr.

The lobby of the Prince George Hotel from henceforth shall be holy ground. December 1, 1943, 10:30 a. m. came the word that the long awaited Gripsholm had docked. No one rested in the crowded lobby after that moment. We were even afraid to slip out to get a bite to eat for fear we would miss the first arrival.

A few minutes after three o'clock I was lounging against a table at the side of the room when I heard a shriek and saw a man running. Someone called, "There's Harold Snuggs," and I saw Mr. and Mrs. Snuggs literally fall into each other's arms.

Thirty minutes later came Frank Lide and then Arthur Gillespie, followed in another half hour by Doris Knight. And so they came, one at a time, until late that night.

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The Word of God

The Bible witnesses to itself as the Word of God. On this point Dr. E. C. Dargan wrote: "It does this in two ways: both by direct statements scattered throughout the Book, and also by the character of its contents."

In many places in the Bible the writers claim the authority of God for their words. Reference has already been made to one of these pertinent passages. One may compare also Gen. 25:1; Joel 1:1; Isaiah 1:20; Matt. 4; Matt. 22:29-43; John 10:35; John 14 and 15; I Cor. 2:10-13, 14:37; I Thess. 4:2; Gal. 1:12, 2:2; II Tim. 3:14 17; II Peter 1:19-21; and II Peter 3:15-16. These will suffice to make plain that the Scriptures contain specific, clear, and decisive claims to their own divine origin and authority.

A second thing we find in the Bible that points to its divine source is the nature of its themes and the character of its teachings. Dr. Dargan's statement of this fact is concise and forceful. "It bears upon itself, in the truths which it reveals,

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The Place of the Annual Census in a Constructive Church Program

By

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First Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Mississippi

The annual census is a practical necessity as a basis of information around which an efficient and aggressive church program can be planned and executed. So helpful and important has it proven in the experience of many that one doubts that the work of a church would be constructive and adequate without it. At this time especially, in view of the evangelistic campaign soon to begin in our state, do we need to point out the usefulness of a census in every church.

At times one hears a pastor or other worker saying that there are no unsaved or unenlisted in his community. A census almost always proves otherwise. An ounce of census is worth a pound of argument.

A census is of inestimable value. It is definite: it tells who and where and what. It locates responsibility. It eliminates guesswork with facts. It lends itself to thoroughness and system. Through it many people can be guided into specific tasks.

Do we need a census every year? Indeed we do. Many people are moving about in the changing conditions in which we live. After a year the average pastor or worker often loses a sense of the sharp outline of his

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Executive Committee Meets In Jackson

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met in the office of the Executive Secretary, January 11, at 2:30 p. m. Present were the following brethren: John D. Davis, George H. Gay, J. D. Ray, R. D. Pearson, W. A. Hewitt, J. B. Parker, G. C. Hodge, E. D. Hurst and Jas. L. Sullivan.

Greetings were read from Secretary W. E. Lee, who reports returning health.

Plans were begun for the State Stewardship (1944) and Evangelistic (1945) Conferences. Steps were also taken looking toward selecting a State B. S. U. Secretary.

The program for the Negro Bible institutes was approved.

Several referred pastoral and building evangelism requests were passed upon.

The state was redistricted into five districts and men selected. Steps were taken looking toward more needed office space for the Convention Board offices.

Every vote throughout the meeting was unanimous.

Fuller announcements will be made later about these plans.

Sparks & Splinters

From Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, we learn that the total receipts for Mississippi during December amounted to \$13,346.97—\$7,560.68 went to the Cooperative Program; \$2,201.08 was designated and \$3,585.21 was for the Hundred Thousand Club. Total receipts for 1943 were \$4,245,941.25, a gain of \$1,245,816.24.

Watts Memorial church, Pascagoula: We had a full house at both preaching services Sunday. Two were added by letter and five came for baptism.—J. F. Brantley.

The Society Hill church in Jefferson Davis county has recently installed butane gas in the church. M. Glenn Smith of B. B. I. is pastor.—Mrs. Kirby Tyrone, reporter.

In sending the monthly remittance for the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Oral Baptist Church, Treasurer R. L. Webb writes, "I am sending four more names of our boys overseas. Please see to it that these boys get the paper every week. The ones who have been getting it say they pass it around until it is worn out. I will send the other names as I can get the addresses of our boys."

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. W. L. Howse, Sr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Jack Yancy, Bruce; Rev. R. D. Penson, Macon; J. D. Davis, Greenville; Rev. James B. Parker, Ripley; Rev. H. H. Ward, Grand Bay, Ala.; Rev. G. D. Lindenmyer, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. G. D. Lindenmyer, Memphis, Tenn., and C. D. Matthews, Star.

Sunflower Associational Training Union mass meeting, Sunflower Baptist Church, January 24, 7:45 p. m.—Mrs. J. A. Pipkin.

The Rankin County Associational B. T. U. will meet at Brandon Baptist Church Monday night, January 24, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged which will include the main address by Rev. Sidney Johnston, of Jackson. We would like all who can to be present at this meeting.—Pauline Russell, secretary.

The issue of this week's Baptist Record is one of the best and how I love to read it! The three great messages by Drs. Frank Moody Purser, Oxford; L. L. Gwaltney, Birmingham, Ala., and E. F. Haight, New Orleans, La., are wonderful, timely and so needful. Surely our people will take notice and act wisely.—E. D. Estes.

Refugio, Texas: We recently observed our eighth anniversary as pastor here. In these years there have been 745 additions, 248 for baptism. The Sunday school has been standard for five years.—L. S. Cole, pastor.

Chaplain Peter E. Cullom has returned to the United States after two years of overseas duty. His last eight months overseas was in Iceland. He is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas, where he serves the naval cadets. During his eight months in Iceland he was instrumental in winning many to Christ. He baptized 17 and had 12 awaiting baptism when ordered home.

Circulation This Week
37,873
A Gain of 87 Since Last Week

Class No. 24 recently graduated at the Naval Chaplains' School, Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 14 Catholics; 4 Presbyterians; 2 Methodists; 1 Lutheran, and one Episcopalian. There were no Baptists.

A survey of rural needs presented by Dr. Courts Redford, assistant Home Mission Board secretary, indicates that Baptist leaders in a number of states are already looking to the Home Mission Board for the enlargement of this activity.

The Home Mission Board is investigating the possibility of sending a war correspondent to the battle fronts. Such a person would go as a press representative to send human interest stories to Baptist publications throughout the country, serving a total constituency of over ten million. If the trip can be arranged, the correspondent will be Joe W. Burton, publicity director of the Home Mission Board.

Harold Douglas, who has been serving as pastor at Mathiston and B. S. U. Secretary at State College, was elected Educational Director of the First Baptist Church at Starkville. We have received no notice of his resignation at Mathiston but presume that he has resigned there. Brother Douglas is a graduate of McComb high school and Mississippi College. He holds a master of theology degree from Louisville Seminary.

Anyone interested in what editors talk about when they get together should attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at Jackson, February first and second. All meetings will be held at the Walthall Hotel. The editors will be guests of The Baptist Record.

In a personal letter to the editor Mrs. Joe Shook of Paynes church, Tallahatchie county, says, "I do enjoy my Baptist Record so much."

"Points for Emphasis" by Hight C. Moore is up to its usual high standards. Dr. Moore can find more in one verse of Scripture than anybody we have ever known. These expositions of the 1944 Sunday school lessons will be helpful to anybody. Ladies may carry this small book in their purse and men will have plenty of room for it in a pocket. It sells for 35 cents and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store. It is published by the Broadman Press.

"Standing Up to Life" by Walton E. Cole and published by the Beacon Press, Boston 8, Mass., sells for \$1. The author is a prominent pastor in Boston, Mass., a radio speaker, and author of "Realistic Courage," "Defending Ourselves Against Propaganda," and other books. "Standing Up to Life" is a practical guide to personal living in war time. The book has grown out of a wide experience in personal counseling.

Vicksburg First: We recently had a B. T. U. Enlargement Campaign. Teachers included: State B. T. U. Secretary A. J. Wilds; Miss Sara Wallis, associate state B. T. U. secretary; Miss Frances Lippincott, educational director at Leland; Dr. D. Swan Haworth; H. G. Street, and Mrs. J. C. Greenoe. The average attendance for the week was 86 with 84 receiving awards. Already one additional adult union has been organized and a young people's union is in process of organization. The general attendance has also increased.—Oscar T. Harvey, Training Union director.

Recently, Temple church, Ruston, La., added to her budget the salary of a foreign missionary, Dr. H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile. This servant and his family were assigned to us by Dr. Maddry at our request. The McConnell family spent a few days with our church and endeared themselves to our hearts. They reached Chile December 28th unless they were delayed somewhere en route. We feel that this is one of the greatest steps that Temple church has ever made. Along with adding the missionary's salary to our budget we increased our pledge to the Co-operative Program three hundred per cent over last year.—Charles McKay, pastor.

In a recent issue of the Christian Index (Georgia) Dr. T. W. Ayers, in writing about Georgians in other states, said, "Norman W. Cox—As I think of this friend I think of one who will make greater sacrifices to help a friend, or to advance the interests of an institution of his denomination, than any man I know. He is not only a great preacher and pastor, but a great citizen. I spent a week with him during his first pastorate at First church, Meridian, Mississippi, and was delighted to see how the people of that city looked to him for leadership. He went away from there to accept another pastorate, but when the opportunity came they brought him back, and just what that church did we should do as Georgians. He is a native Georgian and graduate of Mercer."

Pleasant Grove church, Chattanooga, Association, Tennessee, recently celebrated its hundredth birthday. The pastor is S. L. Walker a Mississippian, who was formerly pastor at White Sand and Bethany in Jeff Davis county.

West Point, First: December contributions were \$4,487.76. This is the largest amount we have ever given in one month.—Church Bulletin.

The Aberdeen Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors, members and friends to attend the dedication service Jan. 30. This congregation has struggled for years under this debt, but now we have a beautiful debt-free building to dedicate to our Lord and His work. Bro. McCall will preach the sermon at 11:00 and then speak at night on "The Church and Her Future."—C. W. Thompson, pastor.

I am glad you mentioned sending the Record to the boys in the armed service. I feel sure we will do this right away.—A. G. Grantham.

BIBLE SOCIETY TO ASK WPB FOR INCREASE IN PAPER ALLOTMENT

New York—(RNS)—A recommendation that the American Bible Society appeal to the War Production Board for an increase in its 1944 paper allotment is made in a report prepared here by a special findings committee of the Society's Advisory Council.

The society, the report notes, is to be allowed 75 per cent of its 1942 paper base for its entire 1944 program, despite a demand for Bibles and New Testaments which is "surpassing all previous records."

Urging denominational bodies to support such an appeal, the report

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN PRISON

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—An evangelistic campaign has been launched behind Georgia prison walls.

Protestant ministers and Roman Catholic priests are conducting daily services for inmates of the Tattnell Prison at Reidsville.

Prison authorities have welcomed the religious program as being in line with the efforts of Governor Ellis Arnall to "clean up and make respectable" the Georgia prison system.

The evangelistic campaign at Tattnell has been undertaken in response to suggestions by Lewis E. Lawes, former warden of Sing Sing Penitentiary, following a special investigation of Georgia penal institutions made at the request of Governor Arnall. The former Sing Sing warden stressed the need for regular spiritual services for all faiths represented on prison rolls.

Clergymen conducting the opening services were Father Robert Brannen of Sacred Heart church, Savannah; Dr. Louis D. Newton, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and Dr. E. G. Mackay, superintendent of the Atlanta Methodist district.

MORE WACS AND WAVES ARE ASSIGNED AS CHAPLAINS' ASSISTANTS

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Assignment of women to assist chaplains in both the army and navy is becoming more widespread, according to current indications.

With the increased duties of chaplains, brought on by the mounting size of the armed forces, assignment of assistants with both clerical and musical abilities has increased in importance.

In the army, several WACS have been assigned to assist chaplains. Their work corresponds to that of the clergyman's secretary in civilian life.

In the navy, a very few WAVES have thus far been assigned for such duty—about three or four. These WAVES have the title of welfare specialists, and must be qualified as musicians before they can be assigned to aid navy chaplains. WAVE chaplain assistants must be able to play the piano and organ, and to direct a choir. In addition to their musical duties, they also assist the chaplain in secretarial functions.

Both the army and navy enlisted men have been serving as chaplains' assistants.

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adds:

"At a time when the American public is keenly aware of the morale building power of the Holy Scriptures, we believe that, knowing the facts of the case, it will not sanction such a reduction of Bible paper."

"We feel that the 1944 paper estimate of the American Bible Society is basic to a wholesome Christian atmosphere, and that to cut it . . . short would weaken war-time morale and post-war hopes."

The report endorsed Bible Society plans to distribute Scriptures and Testaments as widely as possible after the war.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

I
We are sending to pastors and Sunday school superintendents POSTERS advertising the Soul Winning Campaign. We trust these may be posted in public places about the church. The matter of the eternal destiny of souls is involved. We believe it is worthy of our best.

We have six very fine Bible teachers for our district Evangelistic Conferences at Laurel, McComb, Jackson, Columbus, New Albany and Clarksdale. Dr. Haight is well known to our Mississippi Baptist preachers. He is very popular at Baptist Bible Institute, where he teaches. He will lead us in Bible study at Laurel for two hours each of the three afternoons.

Dr. J. O. Williams, well known for his popular administration at the Sunday School Board for his outlines that have gone throughout the South and beyond, and for his preaching ability, will be the Bible teacher during the three afternoons at McComb.

Dr. H. H. Davis, popular Southern Seminary professor, will teach the Bible at the Jackson conference. Dr. Davis stands out in the field of Bible interpretation.

Dr. J. Wash Watts, versatile leader from Baptist Bible Institute and a returned missionary, will teach the Bible the three afternoons at Columbus. He takes the place of Dr. Conner who asked to be relieved.

Dr. Austin Crouch, well known throughout the South, will lead us in Bible study at New Albany. While he will feel free in choosing his topics, we hope he will use his series on the blood. It is the finest we have ever heard.

Dr. Leo Eddleman, a language expert, thorough Bible student, returned missionary, and our own fellow Mississippian, will teach the Bible the three afternoons at Clarksdale.

In addition to this Bible feature, other features of these three-day Evangelistic Conferences are Hyman Appelman preaching twice a day, R. G. Le-Tourneau speaking briefly Tuesday evenings, and outstanding Mississippi pastors bringing messages in the conferences.

II
Mississippi needs Christ. Those of us who are saved need to be more spiritual. The 700,000 lost people in Mississippi need Christ as Saviour. The statement suggests that Satan has a strong hold upon large sections of Mississippi. If we as ministers and laymen love Jesus as we might and ought, if we really believe the things the Bible teaches about hell and heaven, we would not let little things stand in the way of the operation of the Gospel and our cooperation with it. Paul knew that Satan frequently got in his way. He wrote the Thessalonians "We would have come unto you, once and again; but Satan hindered us." I Thessalonians 2:18. Again, he wanted to go to Corinth, but he decided to stay at Ephesus because there was great opportunity and much OPPOSITION. Paul was very careful not to hinder the gospel himself. I Corinthians 9:12. It is easy for the church leaders to get in the way of the operation of the Gospel. How much easier it is for Satan and his crowd to get in the way! The only difference is that the Christian does more harm when he hinders.

Regarding the Statewide Soul-Winning Services with Hyman Appelman preaching, we were writing the contact man in each place about a little problem that had come up. Dr. Gates of Laurel in magnanimous fashion replied, "Let the folks be won to Christ, that is the main thing. We will take care of the matters mentioned." Come on, brethren, and let's get under the load and lift!

III
Rev. A. A. Cooley writes that he is receiving notices from their preachers daily saying that they expect to attend the Bible Institutes for the Negro preachers of the state. This is a joint program made possible by our State Mission Budget.

IV
We are glad of the expansion of our State Mission work in the many directions. We are glad added help is to be given our Negro brethren. We are glad some of our own are still calling for a greater help than our 1944 budget provides. It seemed best to those considering the work to start modestly, study the field and expand as we are able. That seems right to us. We are glad that the committee of five from the Board will further study the matter looking toward a larger work. That is as it should be. Our own hope is that we may ultimately have a white director of this work with a half dozen chosen Negro workers giving additional leadership to the work. That would be a real start!

V
Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Callender, members of a church near Centreville, whose building was taken over in the Van Dorn Camp, sent us a nice sized check—their part in the refund from the sale of the building. This money is to be used in the preaching of the Gospel at home and abroad the world. It is certainly a very challenging thing on their part.

Sometime ago in calling "Long Distance" the operator said, "I'll ring you anybody anywhere." She said it like she meant it. We believe she would have done that thing. That is the kind of person for whom Jesus is constantly seeking. Abraham is called out of Ur. Paul is sent to Europe. Many are out in places of service in His church. "If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere." "Where He leads me I will follow."

Fine crowd at prayer meeting at Clinton. Loyalty evidenced while pastorless. We felt the presence of the Spirit in the service in speaking on "Power."

Good service at Oakdale. One addition. Weather very cold.

Large congregation at Eighth Avenue, Meridian, despite ravages of flu and cold weather. New pews, nice pastor's study that would inspire anyone, good singing, fine fellowship. Pastor A. E. Graeser and the folks happy!

VI
Once in a great while, not often—we hear the pitiful little cry, "No denominationalist can tell me what to do."

First, we do not know what a denominationalist is. Find one, put him on exhibit at the zoo.

Second, the trouble with all of us is that we don't want Jesus to tell us too much to do. If you doubt that, look around and see how many persons, preachers and laymen, are fired by His words, and are filled by His Spirit. How many do you find "working themselves to death" for Him? How many are "burning themselves up" in His service?

Sort of silly—the opening quotation—is it not?

"Whatsoever He sayeth unto you do it." John 2. That will keep us busy.

VII
Strange! The oft given promises of Power in His word! Strange! The scarcity of power in His churches and our lives!

"According to the WORKING of His MIGHTY Power!" Ephesians 1:19. "According to the POWER that WORKETH in us!" Ephesians 3:20. Does it work in us? Are we God's giants or just grasshoppers? Numbers 13:33.

The greatest marching orders ever delivered were conditioned on Power! Matt. 28:18-20, "all power is given me—go ye." When Jesus sent out the disciples "He gave them POWER." Matt. 10:1.

The last request of Jesus is conditioned on POWER—Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive POWER."

Are the churches known to you as spiritual powerhouses? Are they shaky or strong; meddling or masterful; retreating or reviving; going back or going on; ignored by the devil or the sort he fears; fearful or far-reaching?

Do you march with THE conquering Christ? Do you follow a God of Power? Do you believe in a Bible of Power? "The word of God is quick and POWERFUL." Hebrews 4:12. Puny or Power?

VIII
"Decision or Destiny" by George Arthur Clarke—a Revell publication—is a very challenging series of character sketches. Typical is the chapter "King David," "The Decision to be Somebody." The elements going into the decision are emphasized. Eighteen such sketches make up the book. Price \$1.50.

RESOLUTIONS

The Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention in session at Calvary Baptist Church, in Jackson, adopted the following resolution:

No progressive movement will advance much farther than the vision of its leader or much faster than his adaptability, consecration, wisdom, and efficiency warrant. The achievements of the Baptist Training Union in the churches of Mississippi during the last twenty-five years, under the direction of Mr. Auber J. Wilds, give eloquent testimony to the capable leadership enjoyed by the Training Union in this state.

When Mr. Wilds came to his position of leadership in 1918, there was organized Training Union work in only about one hundred churches in the state with a total of about one hundred fifty individual unions. There are now over 2,500 unions in 800 churches. It will be seen by this that while Mississippi Baptists have increased by 100%, Training Unions have increased in number by over 1,000% and the participating churches by about 800%. Other features of the work do not lend themselves to figures quite so readily as numbers, yet progress in all lines has been remarkable.

Some of this fine showing naturally inheres in the fact that the training movement was relatively new when Mr. Wilds entered the field and has enjoyed the growth natural to youthful vigor. But the whole story can be explained only on a basis of wise leadership, untiring industry, and a personality that makes friends and inspires confidence. We in Mississippi Training Union circles love you, Mr. Wilds. We believe in you and in the future of your work in leading our church members to a more consecrated and informed service in the Master's vineyard. We predict for you your highest peak of victory in the years that loom ahead, when character, and particularly the character of Christian youth, must bear the load of reconstructing a war-torn, hate-filled, and sin-blighted world along lines of God's choosing. To this end our prayers and best efforts are yours. Call on us when we can serve.

The Convention requests the publication of this resolution in The Baptist Record and in the Oxford paper. The Courtesy Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention, Jackson, December 31, 1943. Mrs. J. H. Pennebaker, Miss Frances Lippincott, B. Frank Smith, Chairman.

TEN BEST BOOKS

1. Christ of the Frontier—Cowan.
2. Psychology of Leadership—Tridle.
3. Into All the World—Zwemer.
4. God Runs My Business—Lorimer.
5. Ten Rules For Living—Chappel.
6. Anchored 'Til Morning—Jennings.
7. The Purpose and the Hour—Clark.
8. Why God Used D. L. Moody—Torrey.
9. More Power to the Church—Dawson.
10. Planning a Year's Pulpit Work—Blackwood—J. D. Walker.

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ALL CAN HELP THE APPELMAN MEETING

Beginning January 23 a series
of six evangelistic meetings will
be held in six Mississippi cities.
Each meeting will continue for
two weeks and be under the leadership
of Evangelist Hyman Appelman. A pastor's
conference will be held the first three weeks
of each meeting.

Cities fortunate enough to be
centers for the meetings are:
Laurel, January 23-February 6;
McComb, February 6-20; Jackson,
February 20-March 5; Columbus,
March 5-19; New Albany, March
19-April 2; Clarksdale, April 2-16.

For various reasons many will
not be able to attend these meetings.
Some of those unable to be
present are concerned about the
lost. All should be. May we suggest
some ways that those who
are unable to go to any of the
Appelman meetings may have a
share in making the most of this
state-wide effort.

1. Prayer. Prayer is not rationed
nor does distance affect it. He who
said, "Distance lends enchantment"
was not referring to prayer. Those
whom distance or conditions prohibit
from attending these meetings can
add to its spiritual power by bombarding
heaven with a shower of fervent
prayers. We may have an excuse
for non-attendance but none of us
will have any reason to fail to
pray for the Appelman meeting.

2. Boosting the meeting is open
to everyone. Even though some
cannot go themselves they can
encourage others to go. As one
advertiser said, "The best advertising
is mouth to ear."

3. We can multiply the blessings
of the Appelman meeting by putting
forth extra soul-winning efforts.
For some Baptists any soul-winning
effort would be extra! Just as prayer
is not restricted by distance, so is
soul-winning unaffected by miles.

4. In churches distant from any
of the revival centers pastors
could teach or have taught a class
in soul-winning and follow up
with a revival. People are lost
now as well as in July and August.
And some of them will die

before July. A revival now and
in the summer will not be too
much. As long as there are lost
people revivals are in reason.

And people are lost in other
places as well as the revival centers.
If they cannot or will not go
to the Appelman meeting we can
go to them. In fact, that is
God's way. "He brought him."

Let every blood-bought Baptist
cooperate in whatever way we can
to get the greatest possible good
from this wonderful opportunity.

DR. DILLARD APPROVES BAPTIST RECORD SUGGESTION

In a personal letter to the editor,
Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of
promotion of the Executive Committee
of the Southern Baptist Convention
writes approving the recent Baptist
Record editorial suggesting that
Hundred Thousand Club members
now give their one dollar per month
to the Now Club and hasten Debtless
Day for Mississippi Baptists. He
wrote in part:

"Let me assure you that I most
heartily endorse the suggestion
you make in your current issue
that members of the Hundred
Thousand Club continue to contribute
to the 'Now Club' as heretofore
and in addition continue to give
what they have been giving to
the Hundred Thousand Club."

"My suggestion about continuing
the Hundred Thousand Club in the
states with debts should of course
be interpreted as approving of the
plan you have in Mississippi. The
'Now Club' should take over all the
members of the old Hundred Thousand
Club. In most states having debts,
however, the name Hundred Thousand
Club will be retained. We are
hoping that every former member
of the Club will help his own state
get out of debt this year, and where
there are no state debts will add
the amount of the Club memberships,
and more if possible, to the Co-operative
Program to help us pay our spiritual
debt to a lost world."

Surely Mississippi Baptists are
as prosperous now as they were
in the past few months. If they
could give to the Hundred Thousand
Club, they can give to Mississippi
debts.

Let every Hundred Thousand
Club member keep making his
monthly gift over and above any
Now Club contributions.

Large numbers of Mississippi
Baptists have had no share in the
Hundred Thousand Club. We
sympathize with them because
they missed the thrill of helping
get Southern Baptists out of debt.
But "better late than never." Begin
now to make monthly contributions
to the Now Club and enjoy helping
rid Mississippi Baptists of debt.
As one has said, "Debts no more
after '44."

TRAINING UNION GOAL IS 15,000

There is power in numbers.
Training Union Secretary Auber
J. Wilds in cooperation with the

Training Union department of the
Sunday School Board has planned
for every associational Training
day night, January 24.

The attendance goal is 15,000.
This is not an impossible goal.
Many of our very elect are enlisted
in Training Union work, and they
do things.

With meetings in each association,
some large and some small, Training
Union work in Mississippi should
make even greater strides than in
the past.

We hope all associational officers
will exert every effort possible to
guarantee the very largest attendance.

And we urge every member of
each Training Union to make plans
to attend. Your attendance will
help you, your union, your church,
your pastor and bring glory to our
Lord.

A GOOD PROGRAM IF ADHERED TO

On another page is an article
by Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive
Secretary of the Executive Committee
of the Southern Baptist Convention.
We hope all our readers will give
it careful attention. It is condensed
from a pamphlet sent out by the
Executive Committee but most of the
pertinent facts are included.

After reading it, let every loyal
Baptist see that its provisions are
strictly adhered to. We call particular
attention to articles 5 and 14.

NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS

This fall as we went from church
to church and association to association
we were made glad to see the improvement
in church buildings and the premises.

We noticed that many of the churches
have placed the names over the
buildings and we congratulate them
for doing this. It is so much easier
for visitors to locate the churches
when this has been done. On several
occasions we remember when some
of the state workers got in the right
community, but the wrong church
because there was no way of knowing
whether it was a Baptist or a church
of another denomination.

We were told recently of a person
who was suffering from a severe
cold because he was exposed while
in a church where there was no heat
on a cold Sunday morning. Probably
it is not because of slothfulness
that some churches are not provided
with fuel and heat, but an oversight.

If we wonder why we are not
enlisting people in our churches
we might stop and ask ourselves
this question: Is our church well
ventilated, comfortable and attractive,
or is it an untidy, uncomfortable
and unattractive place?

Idleness and slothfulness are
emphatically condemned by God
and surely none of us wants to be
put into that class. It is our
responsibility to keep His house a
fit place for worship.

"Not slothful in business; fervent
in spirit; serving the Lord."—Rom. 12:11.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—Editor.

PASTOR'S SALARY

When was the last time your pastor
"got a raise"? It appears that
many of our churches have overlooked
this very vital matter and have kept
their pastors on pre-war salaries,
which means, when taking into
consideration the heavy increase in
taxes and the inflationary cost of
living, that the pastor has been
subjected to a salary cut of at least
fifty per cent. During this time,
the average income of the congregation
has advanced much more than fifty
per cent. No man can possibly render
his maximum service if he is daily
harassed by financial uncertainties.
This applies perhaps to the minister
more acutely than to others.

This is a matter which must be
considered by the men of our churches.
The pastor will hardly suggest it
because his suggestion might be interpreted
wrongly as commercializing the
ministry.

There are two basic principles
which should always govern remuneration
for services rendered: The quality
of the service and the ability to
compensate. No group of men,
anywhere, are rendering a higher
quality of service than the pastors of
Southern Baptist churches, and the
ability of their congregations to
compensate for those services is at its
highest peak.

So, men, let's give some serious
consideration to this matter and place
our pastors on a financial basis which
will relieve them of present worries
and therefore enable them to render
their best spiritual service; at the
same time giving to them this appropriate
and long-delayed expression of
appreciation of their ministry.—Brotherhood Quarterly.

25 Years Ago

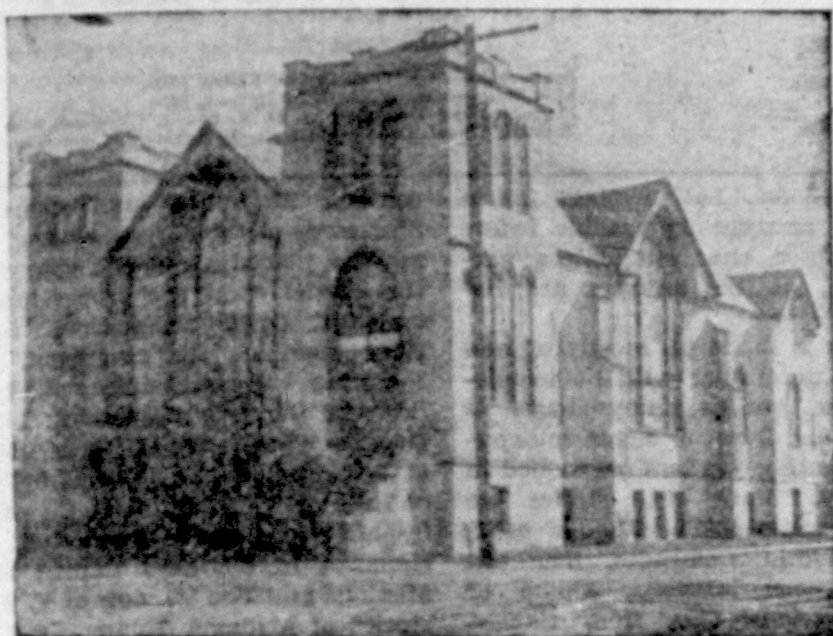
The church at Drew has called
Rev. Webb Brame, who did such
excellent work at New Albany before
going into war work. He has accepted
and will begin work next Sunday.

Dr. Lawrence Lowrey, who received
his Ph.D. degree from Columbia
University and was given a position
in Smith College, entered the army
as a private but later was given a
commission as lieutenant in the
officers training school at Camp
Taylor. He was recently given an
honorable discharge from the army
and will spend a while in California
before returning to Smith College.

Rev. O. P. Estes, one of the state
enlistment men has located for the
time being at Winona. His desire
was to locate in the center of the
territory but no house suitable
could be found.

Pastor W. R. Cooper of Sumner
is busy at work for Christian Education.
He is succeeding admirably. His
church has released him to aid in
this emergency campaign.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, McCOMB, DEDICATED



The dedication service of the Southside Baptist Church was held on Sunday, Jan. 2, 1944.

The church was organized in 1903 by Rev. S. W. Sibley, who was at that time pastor of the First Baptist Church of McComb. During the forty years of its service, the church has had four pastors, Rev. J. P. Hemby, Rev. D. W. McCleod, Rev. J. H. Lane and Rev. R. R. Jones, present pastor, who celebrates his 22nd anniversary along with the dedication of the church.

The present church building was erected, as was the present pastor's home, in 1923, dedicated to God free of debt in 1944.

Choir Director J. L. Johnston led

the singing.

A short history of the church was read by George Bronson.

Charter members of the congregation were recognized.

The last note of all indebtedness on the church, now paid, was burned in ceremonies led by Miss Harriett Fuller, secretary and treasurer of the church, and J. J. Bullock, chairman of the Board of Deacons.

A dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Gill, pastor of the East McComb Baptist Church.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Jackson, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention Board.

THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION MEMORIAL

Walter M. Gilmore

The following memorial was presented to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at its regular meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, December 15, by the State Secretary of Tennessee, Dr. C. W. Pope:

Since the type of work advocated by the Home Mission Board's new city and rural mission program is similar to the work already being done by the State Mission Board in its mission pastor, associational missionary, industrial and general mission program; and since the inauguration of this program in Tennessee would mean the usurpation and absorption of our state mission work; and since the provisions in the plan for State Mission Board participation are contradictory to the established rules of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and its Executive Board; and believing that the direct appeal for funds to finance this new Home Mission Board project would seriously jeopardize the Co-operative Program, we recommend that the Convention reaffirm its approval of the State Mission Board as the proper agency to promote this work and ask the Home Mission Board to refrain from this type of work in Tennessee unless a program of co-operation can be devised satisfactory to both boards.

That we memorialize the Southern Baptist Convention, or its Executive Committee to instruct the Home Mission Board to respect the action of the State Convention.

Due to lack of time, thorough consideration of this Memorial could not be given at that meeting. At the call of Chairman Walter P. Binns, Liberty, Mo., the Administrative Committee met in Nashville, Tennessee, January 5, 1944, to consider further

Inclosed find check to pay for Baptist Record to members of Antioch church (Jeff Davis county) on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We enjoy the Record and we have gone from one-fourth to one-half time.—Wiley H. Coulter. (Editor's note—In the country the churches quite often go to one-half time after having The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan for awhile.)

the Memorial of the Baptist Convention of Tennessee.

After thorough discussion by representatives of the Tennessee Convention and the Home Mission Board, together with five other state secretaries, and letters read from several others, on motion of Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, the committee voted to request the Home Mission Board to respect the request of the Baptist Convention of Tennessee with reference to its city mission and rural work.

Also the committee voted to request the Home Mission Board to bring to the 1944 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, May 16-18, a full statement of its city mission and rural work, asking the Convention's approval of its basis of co-operation between the Home Mission Board and the other Baptist bodies in carrying on this work.

The day's discussion was on a high plane, dealing with policies rather than personalities, and was conducted in the finest Christian spirit. It did much to clear the atmosphere in which our Baptist bodies must co-operate.

Pastor Southside Church



REV. R. R. JONES
Choir Director



J. L. JOHNSON

INFORMATION FOR BAU JANUARY 23RD

Dr. E. M. Jellinek, Yale faculty member, director of the School of Alcohol Studies, in his book, Alcohol Explored, as quoted in the BAU Quarterly, estimates that 40,000,000 people in the United States drink alcoholic beverages. His estimate is based on the 1940 census reports. It is known that for the year (fiscal) 1940 the total consumption of alcoholic liquors was approximately two billion gallons, a per capita consumption of those who drink, of 50 gallons. The cost at retail conservatively estimated was not less than \$4,500,000,000, a per capita cost of \$112.50 for the forty million drinkers. It is known from survey and investigation that 40% of those who drink are women and girls. We have, therefore, sixteen million women and girls—the mothers of today and tomorrow—who are drinking. This number, sixteen million, is approximately thirty-two times the number of women and girls living in our own state.

Approximately 86% of the two billion was beer and other malt liquor. In brewing the beer 1,294,233 TONS, or 2,588,466,000 pounds of essential food grains was used, or nearly twenty pounds (19.9) for every man, woman and child in the United States.

N. S. JACKSON.

Give "G" War Bonds, War Stamps, or Cash to the Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund before February 15.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

Byram H. Glaze, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Fla.

Marvin V. Stedman, Cartersville, Ga.

S. S. Williams, Marshallville, Ga.

W. P. Allison, Confederate Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

W. M. Page, Fuquay Springs, N. C.

H. H. Welch, Burksville, Ky.

J. P. Dane, Cromwell, Okla.

W. L. Holcomb, Forest, Miss.

Dr. John F. Carter, missionary, Winston County Association, Miss.

J. Edwin Hewlett, Southwest St. Louis, Mo.

C. C. Jesse, Wetzel Mem., Kirkwood, Mo.

Fred McPhail, Aurora, Mo.

R. L. Shell, Desloge, Mo.

Homer H. Bridges, Dardanelle, Ark.

J. E. Ratliff, Fisher, Ark.

Frank Badgett, Hazard, Ky.

J. D. Daniel, 2nd, Ranger, Texas.

C. Felton Barnes, Notasulga, Ala.

W. B. Carr, Mooresville, N. C.

R. M. Haggler, Caroleen, N. C.

W. C. Francis, Harrellsville, N. C.

R. C. Merritt, Haughton, La.

W. R. McLin, Piedmont, S. C.

G. P. Jones, Hornbeck, La.

Harry P. Clause, Huntington, Baltimore, Md.

S. L. Hamm, Haines Mem., Avondale, N. C.

C. O. Sheely, Dowell, Ill.

W. E. Perry, Nashville, Ark.

E. J. Caldwell, Centerville, Belmont, N. C.

G. R. Graham, Trinity, Covington, Va.

Alex Shores, Jenkinsburg, Ga.

Resigned

Homer H. Bridges, Fair Park, Dallas, Texas.

W. D. Edwards, Batesville, Ark.

J. C. Massagee, 2nd, Ranger, Tex.

Wm. Stringfellow, Cumby, Tex.

David S. Homan, Hanceville, Ala.

C. F. Barnes, Riverview, Ala.

H. P. Clause, Bedford, Va.

M. M. McFarland, Oak Ridge, Ky.

R. M. Haggler, Mon-Aetna, Union, S. C.

W. B. Carr, Marshville, N. C.

R. G. Merritt, Grand Cane, La.

W. R. McLin, Warrenton, Ga.

C. B. Blevins, Halesford, Va.

Byram H. Glaze, Memorial, Atlanta, Ga.

Louis S. Gaines, Lexington, N. C.

W. M. Page, Clintwood, Va.

W. L. Holcomb, Prentiss, Miss.

J. P. Dane, Prague, Okla.

M. M. Barnett, Nevada, Mo.

J. Edwin Hewlett, Richmond, Ky.

Fred McPhail, Willow Springs, Mo.

H. H. Lewis, Warsaw, Mo.

R. A. Hutson, Calvary, Neosho, Mo.

M. V. Stedham, Bremen, Ga.

G. V. Crow, Tabernacle, Cartersville, Ga.

S. L. Lamm, Cochran, Ga.

C. O. Sheely, Creal Springs, Ill.

J. G. Sanders, Villa Hts., Roanoke, Va.

E. J. Caldwell, New Tazewell, Tenn.

G. R. Graham, Tabernacle, Knoxville, Tenn.

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The Baptist Record needs a few copies of the issue of January 6. If you no longer need yours send it to The Baptist Record, Post Office Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Kits For Russia

Russian armies are scoring great victories, but the Russian people in the path of the retreating enemy are suffering more acutely than ever. "Each town recaptured," writes an American observer, "means unbelievable devastation. Homes, hospitals, schools and churches are reduced to rubble; families living in dugouts with no heat or light; many children starving, disease spreading; no family untouched by death or by the horror of losing dear ones to the slave labor camps of Germany." It is the way of Hitler's legions to destroy what they cannot hold or carry away and, as their military fortunes sink, to increase their brutality to helpless civilians. The Nazis are being driven out of Russia, but behind them they leave a trail of wrecked and smoking cities, impoverished countrysides, shattered and grief-stricken homes. Now more than ever the heroic people of Russia need our comfort and aid.

Southern Baptists are responding to this great opportunity for human kindness and good neighborliness with an organized movement to send to Russian families 100,000 kits packed with useful household articles. Each kit carries two pounds of sugar, a can of evaporated milk, bouillon cubes, a package of soup, some hard candies, a bar of soap, a package of gauze and adhesive tape; sewing equipment, such as needles, buttons and thread; knitting needles, a hand towel, and either mittens or socks. All this costs the contributor about \$2.25. Each kit has a label on which the sender, whose name and address are given, writes a simple message of good will to the receiving Russian family. Thus a warm personal touch is added. Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is directing the project, states that the appeal is meeting with so enthusiastic a response that the original quota of 100,000 kits will probably be doubled. Transportation and delivery of the kits are being handled by the National Russian War Relief Committee whose Atlanta headquarters are at 215 Mortgage Guarantee Building. Such tokens of friendship from Americans to the Russian people will do much to bind the two nations together for winning the war and for maintaining the peace. They will show our brave allies that we, as individuals and families, are thinking of them in their hardships and sorrows and that we are their neighbors in deed and in truth.—Editorial in Atlanta Journal, December 30, 1943.

The "Kits for Russians" Campaign

By Mrs. Walter Craighead who, for 30 years, labored with her husband as foreign mission secretary in the Balkans.

The giving of kits by Southern Baptists to the valiant Russian people is not only a noble humanitarian gesture; it is really a means of opening hearts to the gospel, through supply-

ing a few pressing needs of the hour.

For years the Soviet government has been preparing for the present emergency by sharply curtailing the manufacture of consumer goods, in order to produce weapons. Usual peacetime articles disappeared from the people's reach; money could not buy them.

Needles, for instance, are as hard to find in Russia today as they would be in haystacks. Yet Russian women usually know how to weave their own cloth at home, and to make their thread and yarn. The lack of sewing and knitting needles is their greatest handicap in providing for the family's clothing needs.

So, the kits are for the purpose of supplying rare, needful articles to Russian families, such as needles, buttons, etc. Not only this, but imagine the joy of a Russian family of children in opening its kit to find candy and sugar again. Certainly the mothers will appreciate even more the food products and soap.

With so little sacrifice and small cost to ourselves, we can be "good neighbors" to the Russian people.

CHRISTIANITY OUR CITADEL

Suggestions for Teaching

(Christianity Our Citadel is the preparatory book for the home mission Week of Prayer.)

The teacher should read the book through before attempting to make plans, refreshing her own mind and heart as to the greatness of the task before Southern Baptists, as to past accomplishments and present plans. Arrange for the class members to have books in hand, (25c from state Baptist Book Store). Encourage members to study book and take the test; display the attractive YWA mission study certificate and recognize those who have seals already.

Use a flannel board to "build" the "Citadel of Christianity" as the book is taught. Have someone sketch a stone "fortress" on brown wrapping paper on which is shown an outline of home mission territory. This can be cut from the home mission map (free from 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, 3, Ga.), and pasted on the fortress with each group or nationality outlined to represent a "stone" in the fortress or citadel. The stones are cut apart, a bit of outing flannel pasted on the back of each, ready to be placed on the board when each is discussed. At the conclusion of the class the fortress with all surrounding objects should be complete. It will be more interesting to have the outline of the citadel before the class from the beginning, the stones being filled in as discussion proceeds. On the turrets, place small Christian and American Flag stickers. The tower can be in the shape of a cross on which are the words, "Christianity Our Citadel."

If class members are already familiar with Southern Baptist home mission activities, it will be interesting to have typed or mimeographed a set of "true and false" and comple-

tion questions. Let members fill in as many answers as possible before each chapter, thus stimulating participation, as the answers are discussed.

If class is made up mostly of new members unfamiliar with home mission work, use as many stones as possible for lives of home missionaries and other workers mentioned in the study. Many such stories are found in issues of The Window of Y. W. A., World Comrades, Southern Baptist Home Missions, Album of Home Missions (35c from Baptist Book Store), Fellow Helpers to the Truth, and other home mission books.

Order free picture sheet of Home Mission Board officers and missionaries to be cut up and placed on flannel board around "citadel," as the various workers and missionaries are mentioned (Home Mission Board headquarters).

Chapter I

Purpose: To lead class members to appreciate the heritage that is theirs as Americans and Baptists, to realize that the secret of true greatness of any nation rests upon the attitude toward God and righteousness, and upon the strength of character of the individuals making up that nation, and to awaken each to a sense of responsibility for winning the lost in the homeland to Christ.

Procedure: On flannel board put in place foundation stones of citadel which bear the words, "Greatness of God" and "Faith of Our Fathers." Trace the finger of God pointing westward to America. Read aloud "What Makes a Nation Great?" List five reasons for the fall of Roman Empire. Are these evident in America? What is the remedy for national ills? Discuss four cornerstones and what foundation stones are necessary for peace. As Reveille is read, have members holding "stones" representing various groups in homeland, put these in place telling the number of people in each group as they do so.

Activity: Find out the number of unchurched people in the community and make plans for definite efforts at soul winning and enlistment through the community missions committee.

Chapter II

Purpose: To acquaint members with various nationalities, groups and areas in the southland which offer a challenge for missionary activity.

Procedure: Have the door or gateway of the "citadel" slit on three sides and place within it two slips of paper on which are written the names of "enemies within our gates." Ask members to discover these enemies by opening the gateway, taking out the papers and discussing that particular "enemy." What is the record of your church toward these enemies? Place markers on the map to represent the cities as these problems are discussed. Someone reared in a rural church make be asked to discuss "Depleted Rural Areas." Order from Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Hilltop, Fox Woods, Route 8, Kansas City 16, Missouri, pictures representing migrant

centers. As "allies" and "aliens" are discussed, pictures representing each may be placed about the gateway of the citadel or at the proper location on map. Divide these groups to various members for discussion. The following will be helpful additional material in these discussions: Life of George Washington Carver, Indians at Work (bulletins published by Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C.), stories by Mr. Gardenhaus and other missionaries in Southern Baptist Home Missions and The Window of Y. W. A., stories of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Dr. M. N. McCall, and others. Point out three unusual opportunities for mission service now. Illustrate table of home front facts on poster.

Activity: Select a Negro church or of other racial group in your community to confer with and work with constructively.

Chapter III

Purpose: To acquaint members with the Home Mission Board, its history, leaders and scope of activities, and to lead them to see it as a mighty agency for evangelization.

Procedure: Distribute among members slips of paper on which are written the facts given about each state in 1845, to read as the "roll is called." Put up pictures of Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Beable, Dr. Plainfield, Dr. Dowis and others as their work is described. Have Negro spirituals sung at close of this chapter.

Activity: Let each member select at least one missionary from each group discussed to write to, giving a word of encouragement and appreciation. If a chaplain has gone from your community, write to him or to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, 3, Ga., and ask what you can do to help in his work.

Chapter IV

Purpose: To lead members to accept more seriously the challenge of the Great Commission, to see the opportunity that is theirs of having part in the carrying out of this commission through gifts to Cooperative Program, Annie Armstrong Offering, through prayers for the Home Mission Board and missionaries and through personal efforts.

Procedure: Repeat in unison Matt. 28:18-20. Talk informally about what this commission means to each member; what she is attempting to do or planning to do, to endeavor to carry it out. Read poem, "World Need" from memory. Make poster showing pictures of objects included in Cooperative Program and percentage each receives. Talk about the necessity for evangelization if we are to have a just and permanent peace. Tell story of Miss Annie Armstrong and the offering named for her. Reading: "What Shall We Do?" Let Spirit of Home Missions reply by reading paragraph, "We Must Build the Citadel of Christianity," then present offering envelope quietly to each YWA member, and lead prayer that each will give all she should in this offering to help win America for Christ.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



J. S. DEAL

Silver City Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

Becomes No. 695 on Every Family List
A recent addition to the EVERY FAMILY list is Silver City, J. S. Deal, pastor.

Both pastor and church are proud of this progressive step upon the part of the church.

The past year has been one of progress with Silver City saints. The church is out of debt and is now planning to install a gas system and a cooling system. During 1943 the church was repainted. All organizations are functioning in a fine way. There has been a constant in-gathering of new members.

Humphrey county Record readers are now listed as follows: BELZONI 98; ISOLA 14; Louise 1 and SILVER CITY 30.

Bruce

We had the privilege of riding from Jackson to Bruce with Secretary McCall and Miss Lois Tyler of The Baptist Record mailing department. The purpose of the trip was to help the Baptists of Bruce to dedicate their new church building. Instead of building and paying interest for years, they built and paid for their church within a few months. There are two things yet unexplained about the new church at Bruce. How they got the money and how they got the material.

In the afternoon we preached at Poplar Springs. The Bruce pastor, L. F. Haire, is also the shepherd at once, but weather considered, a good crowd was on hand. And they plan to adopt the Official Family plan next Sunday.

We preached to a good crowd at Bruce at the evening hour.

Another of the pleasures of a visit to Bruce is the hospitality. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Liles and Rev. and Mrs. Haire.

Calhoun county now has Record readers as follows: BETHANY 25; Big Creek 4; BRUCE 134; CALHOUN CITY 63; College Hill 7; DERMA 64; Gaston Springs 2; Macedonia 5; Meridian 13; Midway 1; MT. MORIAH 60; OAK GROVE 14; Oldtown 3; PITTSBORO 32; PLEASANT RIDGE

16; ROCKY MOUNTAIN 20; Sarepta 1; Shiloh 3; SLATE SPRINGS 13; Spring Hill 1; VARDAMAN 71; Banner 2; Spring Creek 4; Bethel 4; Poplar Springs 5.

HEBRON CHURCH PROUD TO JOIN EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Is Number 692 on EF List

Brother J. A. Smith in sending in the EVERY FAMILY list from Hebron church declares that his people are proud to be members of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. In fact, so far as we know, none of the nearly 700 churches that have the EVERY FAMILY Plan in operation is dissatisfied with it.

Lauderdale county is now one of the very best Baptist Record counties in the state. Readers in Lauderdale county are listed as follows: BETHANY 30; COLLINSVILLE 13; Daleville 10; FELLOWSHIP 43; GOODWATER 16; Hickory Grove 2; Hickory Ridge 9; HIGHLAND 15; Hopewell 1; KEWANEE 23; LAUDERDALE 13; Liberty 11; Macedonia 1; MARION 15; Meehan 11; Midway 3; MERIDIAN FIRST 525; FIFTEENTH AVENUE 261; Eighth Avenue 53; Forty-First Avenue 52; CAUSEYVILLE 37; MT. GILEAD 27; MT. NEBO 12; NEW HOPE 42; Oak Grove 5; PINE GROVE 66; POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE 108; RUSSELL 18; SOUTHSIDE 27; TOOMSUBA 28; UNION 13; Bonita 1; PROVIDENCE 17; HEBRON 38; NEW ZION 16; HIGHLAND 207.

Bude is an EVERY FAMILY Church

Rev. S. G. Pope, pastor of Bude church, says, "Our people enjoy the Record." That is the usual feeling of pastors over the state. For several months now Baptists have been enjoying the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Some of the best Baptists in Mississippi are connected with this good church. And 1943 has been a good year with them.

Franklin county now has Record readers listed as follows: Concord 1; DAMASCUS 42; Eddiceton 1; HAMBURG 11; HOPEWELL 17; LUCIEN 12; McCALL CREEK 37; Meadville 2; NEW HOPE 11; New Salem 9; O'ZION 31; Quentin 2; ROXIE 49; Siloam 1; SAREPTA 28; BUDE 63, and RAMAH 47.

Oral Church Will Send Baptist Record to All Her Overseas Members

On Sunday night the Oral Baptist Church, Lamar county, Miss., voted to send The Baptist Record to all her members who serve overseas. This action was taken after the treasurer, Bro. R. L. Webb, told about one of our men in foreign service getting the Record and passing it around to the Mississippi men in his outfit until it is practically worn out.

Oral church has been on the EVERY FAMILY Plan for some time but now adds a number of names to our subscription list by this unique feature.—T. W. Talkington, pastor.

Our First 1944 Error

In last week's issue we listed four subscribers at Bethlehem, Jones county. The correct number is 21. Anyone acquainted with this good church would know that a mere four subscriptions wouldn't satisfy these good people.



DR. HAROLD W. TRIBBLE

DR. TRIBBLE WILL DISCUSS IMPORTANT BAPTIST BELIEF

Seminary Professor is Radio Speaker

Dr. Harold W. Tribble, of Louisville, Kentucky, the speaker for the Baptist Hour next Sunday, is one of the most effective radio speakers in the entire Baptist denomination, according to Chairman S. F. Lowe of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Lowe states that Dr. Tribble's voice and personality are splendid for radio and that his messages are always excellent, as is reflected in the fact that he is in constant demand as a speaker in colleges and assemblies. Dr. Tribble is professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The subject for the message next Sunday is, "The Individual's Competency in Religion."

Chairman Lowe further announces that the audience for the opening program of the series this year was much larger than that of last year. He bases his statement on the fan mail received.

The speaker for the following Sunday will be Dr. C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, North Carolina, who will speak on the subject, Faith in God and Man."

NORTH MISSISSIPPI HIGHLIGHTS

Jas. B. Ray, Enlistment Pastor

One of the most outstanding pieces of work in North Mississippi during the past year was done by the New Albany church under the leadership of Rev. A. B. Pierce. Here are the figures for the first year as gleaned from the weekly bulletin of the church:

Additions: by letter 93, baptism 64, restoration 5, total 162.

Total receipts amounted to \$21,437.73 of which about 1/3 went to missions (\$3,055.83 through Cooperative Program).

They have gained the highest Sunday school attendance on record for the church, 406.

There are 242 pledged tithers. Their quota for Now Club is about paid but they plan to go right on paying through the budget until the entire debt is retired.

A great pastor, a great people, a great goal for a great God.

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DR. C. B. HILBUN
HILBUN ACCEPTS LAUREL PASTORATE
Succeeds C. W. Thompson

Dr. B. B. Hilbun, pastor of Highland church, Meridian, has accepted the unanimous call of the Second Avenue church in Laurel. He succeeds Rev. C. W. Thompson, who recently accepted the care of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen.

Dr. Hilbun has had a very successful pastorate in Meridian. Some of the accomplishments are 173 additions; gifts totaling approximately \$31,000; erected and paid for a three-story Sunday school annex; placed a new carpet in the auditorium; purchased a baby grand piano; provided an educational director to assist the pastor; adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record; redecored the parsonage, added a sleeping porch and concrete garage to the parsonage; redecored the church; venetian blinds placed in the church auditorium.

There has been a large increase in the attendance at the services, Sunday school, Training Union, and other organizations.

NORTHSIDE ENJOYS NEW YEAR PARTY

Northside church, Jackson, I. F. Metts, pastor, enjoyed a New Year's eve party on December 31.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College was guest speaker. His topic was "Christian Fellowship." He emphasized the fact that if Christians are in fellowship with Christ there is harmony, if not there is argument and dissatisfaction.

Others taking part on the program were: The Ray Choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Flowers; Mrs. Virgil Myers, who read "The Other Wise Man"; Tommie Talbert and his saw; Mrs. C. H. McCoy, soloist and reader.

Jan Barlow read a list of members who joined the church in 1943.

Congregational singing was led by H. D. Barr.

Baptist headquarters visitors will not recognize the Sunday School Department office. Secretary Williams and his associates are all dressed up with new desks, wall paper and carpet. The office looks like a new place and much of it is.

THE PLACE OF THE ANNUAL CENSUS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE CHURCH PROGRAM

(Continued from Page One)

responsibility unless it is visualized to him afresh in the annual census. Some churches with rapidly shifting population should take a census twice a year. The demands of life are so large and varied that we may forget many people unless a systematic and thorough census brings them constantly before our minds.

We call attention to the phrase, "a good census." A census can be taken in a haphazard or careless sort of way. The information may be incomplete, or, if complete, may not be tabulated in attractive, usable, and permanent form. Even if the information is complete and well tabulated, the purpose of the census may be nullified by the lack of an adequate program to utilize its findings.

I. How to Take a Good Census

The Sunday school study course book, *Building a Standard Sunday School*, by Arthur Flake, has an excellent treatment on the subject of the census. Its suggestions should be closely followed. Reason and large experience are behind every statement and none can be disregarded without consequent loss.

Without attempting here a full discussion of this part of the task, we merely emphasize some of its aspects. A capable director should apportion the territory to an adequate number of workers. Each worker should be able to cover his division in two or three hours. It is better for all to complete the task on the same day.

Everyone who helps in taking a census should realize he is dealing with immortal souls who are going to an endless heaven or to an endless hell. He should be aware of his privilege and responsibility in carrying the salvation and blessings of Christ to those with whom he has to do. Every white home, regardless of denominational affiliation, should be visited. A card should be used for each individual. Those who are missed should be visited until all the information requested on the card is secured. It pays to take time to acquaint the census takers with the instructions, which, along with the cards, can be secured from the Baptist Book Store in Jackson.

II. How to Tabulate the Results

The tabulation committee, which receives the cards after they are returned, has a considerable task before it. These definite steps should be followed carefully and in the order given:

1. The cards showing membership in local churches of other denominations, or preference for these, should be put in groups and given to the churches of their choice. Those of Baptist membership or preference, those of no church preference, and those of denominational membership not locally represented, should be placed in the group to be retained by the church.

2. Place all the cards which remain in strict alphabetical order, both within the alphabet as a whole and within each of its letters. Much time is saved by doing this correctly in the beginning.

3. Check the cards against the resident church membership roll, filling out a census card for every resident member whose name is not found in

the census.

4. Divide the cards according to the departmental age groups of the Sunday school.

5. Divide those of junior age and above according to sex.

6. Further divide those within the departments into year and age groups according to the number of classes needed, arranging each year or age group alphabetically. Divide those in the Cradle Roll and Extension departments according to visitation groups, assigning a visitor to each group.

7. Check against the present Sunday school roll, using the records of the departmental and class secretaries, filling out a census card for every name on the Sunday school roll which is not in the census.

8. Go through the cards to see that the information needed is given in full.

9. On a typewriter make eight neat copies of the whole census. Give one each to the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, the Sunday school secretary, to the Training Union director, and to the W. M. U. president. Place one copy in the church files. Divide two copies among the eight departmental superintendents so that each will get two lists of the classes and the prospects in his department, one for his own use and the other for use by the classes.

The following suggestions have proven useful in putting the tabulation into attractive and permanent form:

1. Use a good grade of onion-skin paper, eight and one-half by eleven inches.

2. Place each department to itself, keeping at least the larger classes on pages to themselves with the name and age group of the class clearly shown.

3. Double space the typing that other names may be inserted later.

4. Place on one line the following information about each card: name, address, member of Sunday school (yes or no), church member (yes or no), where (abbreviate).

5. Use an introductory page for each department. At the top of this page in an attractive arrangement the names of the officers and teachers of the department. On the lower portion of the page, tabulate in numbers the following eight items:

- The total number of possibilities.
- The number enrolled in Sunday school.
- The number of resident church members enrolled.
- The number of resident church members not enrolled.
- Members of out-of-town churches enrolled.
- Members of out-of-town churches not enrolled.
- Prospects of all kinds ("a" minus "b").
- The number of unsaved.

Not all of these items will be needed below the junior age, while some of the larger classes in the older age groups may wish to tabulate these items about their own classes.

6. On an introductory front page of the whole census place the names of the general officers of the Sunday school, and give a summary by adding the items found on the introductory pages of the eight departments, thus obtaining the whole picture of the census findings.

7. Put the typewritten pages in loose-leaf form with attractive card-

board backs for permanent use. After arranging eight of these books the tabulation is now complete.

III. How to Use the Tabulated Information

The worker now has in his hands one of the finest instruments God ever gave to man for the carrying out of certain aspects of the Kingdom task. How shall he use the information which he has? Like the rod in the hand of Moses, the Lord can use the census findings to accomplish marvelous results for Him.

1. The Sunday school should have been organized with departments, classes, and teachers, adequate in number and quality, to care for the prospects. This is the great opportunity for utilizing many instead of a few in bringing a large number to Christ, and in teaching the Word of God to a multitude. The census has provided the names and addresses of the prospects with some necessary information about them, and can be used in a continuous and constructive program. Definite responsibility is placed on each teacher and officer.

2. Both the Training Union and the W. M. U. have valuable information for the carrying on of their respective tasks in a better way.

3. A program of visitation is now possible, both for organizations and for individuals:

a. The writer uses the census cards in making a street by street and family by family visitation file. On the family visitation card is placed the address, the names of the individuals, and certain information about each one, such as age, church membership, enrollment in Sunday school, date of visit, etc.

b. A list of the unsaved by departmental and class groups is made for use by the pastor, Sunday school officers, teachers, and others. A street by street list of the unsaved also becomes a part of the record for use in visitation and personal witnessing. These lists form the basis of a continuous, evergreen program of evangelism and for special revival effort.

c. A list of our church members who are enrolled in Sunday school become the object of an endeavor to enlist every resident church member in Sunday school.

d. Church members from elsewhere who live here and are not affiliated with our church form another list by departments and by streets.

In conclusion, it appears that no pastor or church would want to be without the helpful information gained through the annual census. Only eternity can measure its worth in the salvation of souls and in the teaching of God's word. It is difficult to grasp its great value in a systematic, thorough, adequate, and constructive program in the work of our Lord. One doubts that such a program can be carried on without it.

—BR—

Mississippi Baptist
SOUL WINNING REVIVAL
Evangelist Hyman Appelman,
Preaching
January 23-April 16, 1944

Revivals:
Laurel, January 23-February 6.
McComb, February 6-20.
Jackson, February 20-March 5.
Columbus, March 5-19.
New Albany, March 19-April 2.
Clarksdale, April 2-16.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors and Defense
Projects Service

Jackson—On Jan. 6th, during a visit to the Foster General Hospital we met our Baptist women's unit functioning. This group represented three Jackson churches, namely the First, Northside and Griffith Memorial. Each was visiting in different wards. This organization came into existence at the request of Hospital Chaplain A. C. Stribling. Our churches are cooperating with the General Hospital staff and are finding a great opportunity for service in visiting and talking with the veterans of World War No. 2. Many of these are casualties from the Solomon, Sicily and North African campaigns. Friends and relatives of men in this government hospital may send their names and hospital ward number to this department and be assured that our Baptist people will visit them with the permission of the hospital staff.

Preaching the Gospel—After his day is finished at the Jackson Army Air Base, Chaplain Gerrit H. Rientjes goes out to the flying school (M. I. A.) near Madison and conducts a religious service and offers spiritual advice to the flying cadets. These men have no regular army chaplain since this is a contract school.

Mid-Winter Statewide Revival—Campaign posters are being delivered in our contacts to military camps, others have been mailed to army chaplains in order that the personnel in camps near Laurel, McComb, Columbus, New Albany and Clarksdale may be informed regarding Mississippi Baptists' efforts in soul winning.

Churches in these areas may also be of help in getting brief announcements made in army chapel services on Sundays during the campaign. We should have many men and women in uniform attending these services if this is done. "Go ye into all the world. . ."

Transportation on Foot—With a serious gasoline and tire shortage and a prediction that passenger traffic will increase 10 to 15% during 1944, contracts with military camps in Mississippi becomes more difficult. However, during January we found walking very helpful in making our contacts. Usually someone offers a lift which is always acceptable. Where there is a will there is a way.

—BR—

Dr. J. D. Freeman, editor of The Western Recorder, writes to Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of Clinton about his new book, "Tests of Faith—Exposition of the Epistle of James." "I wish that I might have had the book while I was in the Seminary as a student, for it is surely helpful in understanding the Epistle of James. You have rendered a distinct service by publishing it. I desire to quote brief excerpts from it now and then." Send \$1.00 for your copy to Dr. Lipsey or the Baptist Book Store.

—BR—

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MRS. VAN BRADY

God, in His infinite wisdom, removed from our midst, and carried unto Himself, on December 15, one of our dearest and most honored friends, Mrs. Van Brady.

Never has it been the privilege of the writer to know a truer Christian, for she exemplified in every walk of her daily life the Christ-like spirit which every follower of Him should know. Hers was a meek, gentle, unassuming nature, a self-sacrificial, kind and deeply affectionate disposition. Her faith in God had a strength which few possess. Her life was truly a blessing; her death, a benediction. Those who knew her best, loved and honored her most. For it was upon close and intimate association that her sweet spirit endeared her most.

During her long illness it was an inspiration to visit her. She was always cheerful, thinking ever of others. The quiet calm with which she endured intense suffering was indeed a challenge, for it was a forceful testimony that she was possessed with "a peace that passeth understanding" and that she did not tread the dark pathway alone, but was sustained and strengthened by Him on whom she believed so devoutly.

She loved her church, was keenly interested in all its activities, and was a faithful attendant while her health permitted her to be. She was a tither, conscientiously putting aside as God's a tenth of that which passed through her hands. On the last Sunday of her life she put into the hand of her pastor an offering for her church. Though often denied the privilege of worshipping at the house of God in person, she was always there in spirit at the hours of worship. Truly it may be said of her, "She has fought a good fight; she has finished the course." Surely her reward shall be as her faith.

Her greatest thought and concern was ever for others. During the last months of her life, even as she suffered severe pain, her nimble fingers were knitting sweaters for our boys in service. It was her regret that she was obliged to leave unfinished the last one she had begun.

To her sorrowing loved ones, may the realization that she has entered into "that place not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" be a consolation to them, and a balm to their aching hearts.

Funeral services were held from the Prentiss Baptist Church at three o'clock, December 16, with her pastor, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, officiating. The choir sang very beautifully her favorite hymn, "The Haven of Rest," accompanied at the organ by Miss Mary Kathryn Parker. Active pallbearers were: R. E. Dale, G. O. Berry, C. W. Price, Jeff Tyrone, W. T. Lipsey and Gray Griffith. Interment was made in the Brady cemetery.

Her immediate survivors are her devoted husband, Van Brady, and one adoring daughter, Miss Vivian Brady, who is a member of the Hattiesburg high school faculty.

May God who doeth all things best be near and dear to you in your deep sorrow is the fervent prayer of one who loved her.

THE WIND OF WAR

I received a letter the other day from one of our fine young men in service, and in it he enclosed a copy of this poem (Wind of War) which he had written. He is a fine young man, twenty years old, and is a splendid Christian character. He was in the battle of Casablanca, narrowly escaped death several times, and finally had his ship sunk off the coast of North Africa. In spite of all his experiences he still remains clean and upright. His fondest dream is of the day when the war will be over and he can pursue his chosen profession.

I am sending you this poem because it appealed to me, especially since it expresses the feeling of so many of our fine boys who didn't or won't take the time or trouble to express it as John has.—Charles Treadway, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss.

—BR—

The Wind of War

From the regions of an unknown land
For reasons no one knows,
Comes a wind that chills and even kills—

'Tis the wind of war that blows.

'Tis blowing all the warmth away—
'Tis killing all the flowers;
'Tis making darkness out of day—
'Tis bringing bloody showers.

Oh, why does fierce tempest blow?
Why do the flowers die?
Why does this hated wind of war
Come racing from the sky?

What have we done to deserve this fate?
No one will ever know—
But an Unseen Hand in a far-off Land
Guides these winds that blow.

There are many things that the weather brings
That we can't understand;
These wild winds blow, then quickly go—
Back to that unknown land.

Then flowers once more will blossom,
The peaceful breezes play—
'Till the "Bandit Winds" from their far-off dens
Will again chase them away.

But won't these wild winds ever die?
I'm sure I do not know—
There has been the blast for ages past,
And still the fierce winds blow.

—John C. Merrill, Jr.

—BR—

NEGRO MISSIONS

The Baptist obligation to our brother in black, received prominent attention at our recent convention. Certainly this matter deserves attention at our hands. These people are our next door neighbors and there is no doubt we can help them. There are, however, some facts overlooked in our consideration. One brother grew very eloquent over the fact there was such a large number of colored Baptists in the state, considerably more than whites. He lamented we were doing nothing for these people. The implication was we were neglecting our obligation. The very fact there is such a large

TIME OUT OF JOINT

To the Editor:

On page 979 of the Watchman-Examiner for October 14 you print an item in connection with an advertisement sent out by the magazine Time, calling attention to the fact that the editor and managers of this periodical are sons of ministers. I am a subscriber to Time magazine, and judging from the space given to the liquor people it would seem that these sons of ministers have forgotten the training of the parsonage. It is hard to understand why the son of a minister, unless he has strayed far away and forgotten the teachings of the parsonage, would allow liquor firms to have space in a magazine under their management.

Very truly,

R. J. ARCHER,
406 So. Division Street,
De Ridder, Louisiana.
—Watchman-Examiner.

number is proof of the fact our Baptist people have been true to their Christian trust. These Negroes were not Christians when they came from Africa. They became Christians through the influence of their Baptist owners, be it to their everlasting credit. If you ever talking with an ex-slave you would know how this came about. The great body of Negro Baptists are a living monument to the missionary spirit of our Baptist forefathers. God bless them.

But the plea is we are doing little or nothing for them now. The same may be said of our white Methodist brethren. We are doing nothing for them. We think they have our gospel, and are willing to leave them to work out their salvation. They would resent interference. The Negroes have their pastors and leaders. They may be ignorant and make many mistakes, but on the whole they are doing about as well as the whites in religious work. Negro Baptists are like white Baptists, they are very proud of their Baptist freedom. Limited in political freedom they value all the more their religious freedom.

It may be well to notice the policy of our Home Mission Board in their work for the Negroes. The Board is assisting in paying the salaries of theological instructors in seventeen southern colleges for Negroes. These instructors are of their own color and management. I think this the wisest policy. Help to improve the pastors and leaders. Such work has also been fostered in this state. It does need greatly to be enlarged.

Another help that can be rendered to our colored brethren is a better understanding of them. In this city it has been the custom for some months to have a general pastors' conference of white and colored pastors of the city. It has proved to be helpful to both white and colored. There has come a better understanding of each other. The spirit has been fine, and the whites would be the last to abolish it.

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Laurel, Miss.

(Editor's note: At the recent meeting of the Convention Board, funds were voted for the employment of a colored worker among the Negroes.)

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W. C. STEWART LEAVES HOUSTON

Whereas, we, members of the First Baptist Church of Houston, Mississippi, desire to express to Reverend and Mrs. W. C. Stewart our deep love and appreciation for their faithful and untiring efforts in behalf of our church and community during the past nineteen years and three months, and

Whereas, we have received inspiration from their work, their daily Christian living in our midst and their generous hospitality in their home, and

Whereas, we recognize in them the qualities of a real pastor as well as a preacher and the qualities of the best possible help-mate;

Therefore, be it resolved that whatever community or field of labor he enters they will find in Reverend Stewart a passion for helping to save lost souls; and that our earnest prayers and best wishes go with him and his wife and children into their new field of labor for God's Kingdom.

Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Reverend and Mrs. Stewart, to The Baptist Record, to the Times Post, and one spread on the minutes of the church for record.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee:

JACK CHENAULT,
MISS FAIRY GOZA,
MISS ORIN FORD.

—BR—

LEAD ON CHURCH PRESS
Daniel Maurice Robins

Lead on, Church Press—Thy type-sown seed
Shall fruit in race redeeming grain
On every field of human need
In foreign land or home terrain—
As Christian editors send forth
The fuel for vice-consuming pyres,
On countless altars round the earth
Shall burn, rekindled spirit fires.

Lead on, Church Press—Thy line-o-type
Shall gear with pulpit driving wheels,
To challenge codes of doubtful stripe
And emphasize the Christ ideals—
No censoring, subversive mind
Shall dim Judea's Holy Star
While printed pages show mankind
The hands impressed with Calvary's scar.

Lead on, Church Press—a wide world calls
For consecrated power and zeal,
To breach those ancient creedal walls
On which intolerance sets its seal—
Thy editorial heart and brain
Shall lead the Church toward that goal
Where men of every racial strain
Find highest vantage of the soul.

Lead on, Church Press—Thy power expand,
Until tomorrow's world-meshed gears
Shall give Thy edicts wide command
Of journalism's cosmic spheres—
As Christian presses shall release
The truths which from God's spirit rise,
A world rebuilt on lasting peace
Shall lift His Cross against all skies.
—Baptist Record, Iowa.

—BR—

W. M. Fore, a Mississippian, is entering the twelfth year as pastor of First church, Prichard, Alabama. During the past year 141 were added to the church; 51 by baptism. The debt on the church was paid in full last April. During the year a pastorium was bought and paid for. A budget of \$20,000 for 1944 has been adopted.

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America's high principles, her democratic government, her program of service for all mankind, her rating as a Christian nation are all the result of our beginning the nation's life on the principles of the Bible. As long as we can keep the homes of our great country undergirded with the word of God we will continue to have Christian homes, and Christian homes will assure the safety, and permanence of our nation. Let every Baptist church seek, through its training service, to instill in the hearts of its members the truth of the need of making the Bible, God's Holy Word the foundation of the home. Your church, we trust, will cooperate with the denomination on January 30th in making a worthy offering to the American Bible Society, who are doing more than any other agency toward giving out the printed word. Send your offering to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Miss. Every penny you send so designated will go to the society. They operate on a no-profit basis, giving away thousands of copies of the Bible annually, and selling others in many instances far below the actual cost of production.

Last month we issued 644 study course awards. These went to 25 associations. Hinds-Warren led in number, giving 207, Gulf Coast came second with 53, Lee and Smith tied for third place each issuing 44, Tate was a close runner up to these, giving out 43, Scott gave 34 and the others went under 30 each.

Pike's Program for Next Monday Night

Mrs. Varnado, director of Pike county, has planned several interesting features for the special associational program for next Monday night, January 24th. The pastors and deacons will be pitted against each other in a sword drill. This drill will be just as we have in our Intermediate sword drills in our conventions. Five distinct types, the Scripture Search, Book Drill, Character Drill, Doctrinal Drill, Unfinished Quotation Drill. This is going to be an interesting feature. They have set their goal for an attendance of 500 and a splendid program of publicity more or less assures success in this attendance goal.

Suppose You Do Not Have Your Meeting Next Monday!

There are some very special reasons why a few of our associations are not having their special associational meeting next Monday night. These are planning another date, however,

and are going right on with the plans for this other date. Lauderdale Association, for instance, is to have theirs on the following night, January 31st. There were several conflicts that could not be avoided and so this wise change. If, for any reason, your meeting has not been planned please set a date for it NOW and work for a great gathering on the date set. Programs that were sent to each associational director can be used at the meeting when it is held. Remember our goal is 15,000 for the state. What will you set as the goal for your meeting? We look forward, eagerly, to the reports that we know will be coming in soon.

What Southern Baptists Must Do To Be Saved

The following five statements are from the pen of Dr. E. P. Aldredge, Southern Baptist statistician. We pass them on for each of us to ponder, and they apply to each individual of us:

1. Go out after the unreached multitudes.
2. Provide buildings and equipment for the day ahead.
3. Promote local missions, organize missions and churches.
4. Go back to district associations and learn use of them.
5. Stand by the Book and preach it as never before.

March is Study Course Month. Order your books NOW, select your faculty. It will consist of local talent in most instances. Write us for Request for Awards blank, one for each class taught.

Take a Book At Home

Did you know that any individual could take a study course at home? Yes, and many do. We just received requests for awards for three members of the Poplarville Training Union who just completed a home study book, and two came in from Calvary church, Jackson. We are always happy to send awards to these. The requirement is that the book be read and that 20 questions be asked. Write us for the questions, we will be glad to cooperate in this. Such study course work should be promoted by every Training Union. This will not take the place of the regular study courses of course, but will supplement them. Some people just cannot attend the regular study course, and should be encouraged to take the home study.

Salem Leads in Attendance at State Convention

Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director of the

Salem church, Covington county, was happy that they led all unions in the state in number attending the state convention. The members who attended with her were given the privilege of telling about the convention in their church the following Sunday night. One of the boys was in charge of the service, the entire evening service being devoted to the report of the convention. There were 21 who came from this fine church to the convention. Rev. J. R. Rogers is pastor and well beloved by the entire community.

Can you pray "Thy will be done"?

Does your union have a "project" for this quarter? Why not? It can be the organization of a union in another church, the teaching of a study course in another church, a demonstration program in some weaker church, a devotional service in some institution, a campaign for subscriptions to The Baptist Record, or one of many other fine services.

—BR—

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. Was the celebration of the New Year observed by Moses and the Israelites, and if so, in what manner?

2. In what month of our present calendar year did the Lord bring the children of Israel out of Egypt, and what was the original name of the month?

3. When Jesus and the apostles observed the Passover, they sat down. (Luke 22:14.) The early Egyptians observed it in a different manner. How did they observe it?

4. The book of Hebrews was originally entitled "To Hebrews." The present day Authorized Version reads, "The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews." In the first manuscript, "To Hebrews," Paul is not named as the writer. Did Paul write it?

Rev. L. W. Martin during his first year with the Home Mission Board has conducted 26 schools in nine states.

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

13-Year Record

Recently we received from Pastor R. C. Holcomb of Kosciusko a most encouraging record of one of their members, Mrs. E. L. Pope. We want to give it to our readers for their encouragement, and we are giving it below just as reported by Pastor Holcomb:

"Recently in the opening assembly of the Adult department of our Sunday school, Superintendent T. S. Hines presented a bar pin to Mrs. E. L. Pope for her perfect attendance at Sunday school for 13 years.

"For the past nine years Mrs. Pope has also been 100% on the Six Point Record System.

"Most of this record was attained in the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven. Her attendance record was forwarded to us when she placed her membership here some two years ago.

"We thought this unusual record might inspire some other pupils over the state."

Indeed, this is a most unusual record! Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Pope on this distinction. She has done this because of her interest in her Lord and His work. We appreciate this information and trust that it may inspire all of us to do better.

Second Quarter Programs

The programs for the Primary department for the second quarter, as prepared by Mrs. Barney Whitfield, of the First Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss., are now ready. These are indeed excellent and we commend them without reservation to Primary workers everywhere.

They may be secured for 50c by writing the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi.

We Led the South

We are happy to report that Mississippi led the South in standard Primary departments for the first quarter of this Sunday school year.

We had five standard Primary departments. Texas came second with three.

Thanks to these fine Primary leaders for this very excellent record. We appreciate their great work.

Remember the Flood!

Remember, January is FLOOD month for Mississippi. We mean a flood of standard applications during January. All kinds of applications—class, department, school. And they are really coming in! Be sure to send yours at once so we will get it during the January FLOOD.

—BR—

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

In connection with Hyman Appel-man Revival:

Laurel, January 24-26.

McComb, February 14-16.

Jackson, February 28-March 1.

Columbus, March 6-8.

New Albany, March 20-22.

Clarksdale, April 3-5.

SPECIAL NOTICE

to

CHURCHES AND WORKERS

J. O. Williams

The stock on many of our Study Course Books is temporarily out and on account of the shortage of paper it will be about March 1, 1944 before this stock can be replenished. In the meantime may we suggest:

- (1) Go ahead with all of your training classes. Plan the courses, get the books, study them, and do the work.
- (2) Before announcing the courses to be taken check with the Baptist Book Store serving your State to see if the book you desire is available. If it is not, make another choice, for we do have other books in stock, and go ahead with the class.

We feel sure you will co-operate with us in these times.

March is Study Course Month, begin now to plan for it in your church.

Become enthusiastic over the associational meeting set for January 24. Let every member of every union be enlisted to attend. No association should have less than fifty Juniors, fifty Intermediates, fifty Young People and fifty Adults. 200 should be the minimum attendance, and this only for the small associations. We expect some of the larger associations to have near a thousand attending their meeting.

Are you an adult? What sort of an example are you setting as a church member? Your loyalty to all church work will result in others finding their places in the work.

—BR—

WHISKEY, DIVORCE AND SUNDAY OBSERVANCE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY STATE CONVENTION

WHEREAS, the present war and the times in which we live have brought on many complications which have resulted in the lowering of the moral standards of living, and

WHEREAS, there was a concerted effort in the last Legislature to modify or weaken three of our basic moral laws, namely those regarding the liquor traffic, divorce and Sunday observance, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the present statutes regarding these questions should not be weakened,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Mississippi Baptists in Convention assembled reaffirm their position that these laws as they now stand should not be weakened and that any effort or movement having such purpose should be vigorously opposed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Baptists inform the members of the Legislature from their respective counties of this opposition, that pastors preach these underlying principles to their people and that the women of the Women's Missionary Union be on the alert to help in an organized way to voice this opposition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor-elect Bailey, to Lieutenant Governor-elect Wright, to the new speaker of the House when elected, and to every member of the Legislature.

Signed:

MRS. W. BUCKLEY,

President,

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A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

I

Now that Mississippi Baptists are nearing the end of their debt paying campaign, we need to get our feet on the ground, our "sights" fixed, and a clear conception of GOD'S WAY in Kingdom financing.

Even casual readers of the Bible should know His way is that of tithes and offerings. It is indisputably that in the Old Testament, both before and under the law.

The tithes and offerings plan is said to be mentioned some half dozen times in the New Testament, and each time with favour and emphasis.

It is certain that we have neither read nor heard one line in either English or Greek from the New Testament in favour of "borrowing" one's way out. There is not one line in the Bible encouraging God's people to so load up on debt that their "paper" will sell for 50c on a dollar. God's people are not a 50c on the dollar people. God Almighty does not "check out" for 50c on the dollar. Baptists—all Baptists need to remember that. God Almighty never has suggested that His people borrow their way out! It is for mere men to suggest that!

If Baptists want to be true to the word of God let us take HIS PLAN for financing His work as we claim to take His plan in other things!

II

INTEREST SAVED

We can tell you NOW with certainty that through taking up Education Commission bonds ahead of maturity dates we have saved in interest from 1939 to June 1943 a total of \$150,925. We think that worthwhile! In the December 1943 call we saved an additional \$85,000 in interest. This makes a grand total interest saving to date in the amount of \$235,925.

This was made possible through your financial support given through the Cooperative Program and the Now Club. Let us keep it up until the task is completed.

If—if—if—we are able to call in June 1944 the remaining \$52,500 outstanding bonds—1957 maturities—we will save an additional \$40,000 in interest. That is worthwhile! We will then have saved the tremendous total of \$275,925 in interest. This is close to our original \$300,000 interest saved goal. The reason that we did not reach it is that we did not get the support within the three-year period as planned. The \$275,925 saved is worthwhile!

III

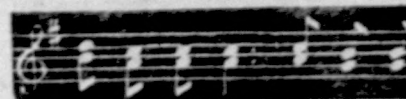
"Danger: Debtless Denomination!"

Baptists are now walking some high places. Let us remember that with our peak 75 Million Campaign experience we started on a toboggan from which we have only recently recovered. Baptists seemed to be not big enough for the God-imposed trust. We had not "grown up." Ephesians 4:15. Are we ready NOW for the big days that have come upon us? Are we yet grown up? We naturally like to believe we are! Our works,

W. M. U. First Baptist Church,
MRS. D. C. SIMMONS,
MRS. O. B. TAYLOR.

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rather than our words, will prove or disprove that point!



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BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLAN OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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which have been submitted to the Executive Committee at its December meeting and approved by it, and to recommend the percentage of south-wide funds to be allocated to each cause or agency. The operating budget shall include all agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

V. Special Solicitations

Any special financial campaign by an agency for budget needs, endowment, building, equipment, or other purposes, shall receive the endorsement and approval of the Convention, or its Executive Committee.

IX. Capital Investments

An agency shall not make any capital investment in the erection of new buildings or in the purchase of real estate that would create a debt or debts, to run for a period of three or four years, without the consent of the Convention or its Executive Committee; the Executive Committee to act only in cases that require prompt action.

In order to obtain the approval of the Convention or its Executive Committee, as the case may be, the agency erecting new building or purchasing property, may show the source of funds for payment of the obligation.

X. Contingent Reserves

Each chartered agency of this Convention shall set up as soon as possible, a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both. The maximum amount of contingent reserve of any agency shall be determined by the agency, subject to the approval of this Convention.

XIV. New Enterprises

No new enterprise, involving expenditure of money, shall be authorized by the Convention except upon favorable action by the Convention in two succeeding annual meetings; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to a recommendation of an agency of the Convention concerning its own work.—See minutes S. B. C. 1941, P. 18f.

"Should Southern Baptists move forward in their work?" it may be asked. Most emphatically, they should. And if they desire to go forward, they have both the financial ability and the managerial ability to do so in a worthy way.

And it may also be asked: "Should Southern Baptists plan for the rehabilitation of their work destroyed by war?" Again, the answer is emphatically, yes. But they should plan to secure the funds necessary for such work through cash contributions, and not through borrowing. Some may insist "that the work of restoration must be done at the earliest possible moment, even if it is necessary to borrow a lot of money. Time must be saved." But time and money both may be lost in the long run by rushing into debt. Remember that it did so happen once.

Southern Baptists have a twofold task in seeking the success of their work. The two phases are, enlistment and management. The purpose of enlistment is to lead individual Baptists to co-operate in the support of the missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises of the denomination. The method by which this is done is by information and ap-

peal. The need for enlistment is great, and constant. Therefore, a perpetual program of enlistment should be carried on. At all times, in peace or war, each and every individual Baptist should be encouraged to make contributions to the Lord's work, according as the Lord gives prosperity. Successful enlistment demands tact, patience, fervor, and consecration.

The importance of management seemingly is not realized by many. There is nothing spectacular about it, to be sure, but proper management ranks high in the success of any enterprise. Be it remembered that management played a large part in bringing about the happy consummation of Freedom from Debt. To use the money contributed by thousands of Baptists in such a way as to carry on successfully the many lines of work of the Convention, and, at the same time to keep out of debt, calls for wise management on the part of each and every agency of the Convention.

I SAW OUR MISSIONARIES COME HOME

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I marveled at my next impression. Our missionaries had not lost their sense of humor. They had all lost weight, but they hadn't lost a smile. Everyone I talked to had an amusing incident to tell. Through their healthy faith in God, they could still laugh.

I had heard many stories about how missionaries forgot all about the U. S. A., and I was wondering about our group. I learned how they loved their country. One told me he got up at 2:30 a. m., in order to be sure to catch the first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty. Nothing looked so good as the soil of these United States. When the Lady of Liberty broke through the fog they sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America."

But that love for America only made more tremendous their love for China. Before their first day in America was over, they were telling me what they wanted to do "when we can get back to China." They love those Chinese people.

They love the people of Japan, too. I wondered about that. They had suffered at the hands of Japan. Had it not been for Japan they might still be working in China. But they do not hate the Japanese. "They are individuals, misguided it is true, but their souls are precious. Let's take the gospel of peace to them after the war."

My meeting these missionaries made an optimist of me for tomorrow's world. The doors are to be wide open for the gospel in China. This group of veterans will be ready to lead our choicest young men and women in helping Chinese win China for Christ.

Be not deceived. The work is not dead nor even dormant in China. It goes on under competent Chinese leadership even in occupied China.

Meeting these thirty-nine missionaries gave me a greater insight into the high calibre of missionaries. I do not know any group of men and women who could have come through desperate circumstances with heartier faith or healthier vision of the future.

In the hands of these and others

Some Great Bible Doctrines

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in the exalted moral character of its teachings, in the permanency and power of its influence, the proofs of its divine authorship. No other book in all literature has borne, or bears, such a character as this." Such high doctrines as are here referred to so eloquently were not discovered except as God made them known. "Their content is not the fruit of unaided human thought, but of communication between the Spirit of God and the spirit of man." (Weatherspoon, Op. Cit., p. 26.)

A Trustworthy Source of Christian Doctrine

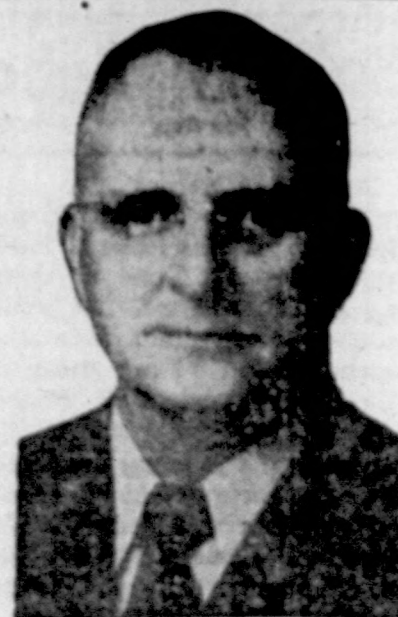
Dr. Harold W. Tribble in "Our Doctrines" points out these factors that make the Bible a trustworthy source of Christian doctrine. They are revelation, inspiration, and illumination. Revelation is God making Himself known to human messengers. "Inspiration is the divine guidance and control of the messenger in delivering or recording the message. Illumination is the spiritual insight imparted by God's Spirit, enabling the human mind to grasp the meaning of the truth." (Mullins.) Thus God speaks to us through the Scriptures. Supernaturally He has revealed the truth about Himself to men. This truth has been permanently recorded in the Bible as God-guided men yielded to His control. We study this record of God's message and revelation of Himself in the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit guides us to the presence of the living Christ and in Him by faith we find God real, full of grace and truth.

Someone may say, "Well, I find many things in the Bible that I don't see any use in, and some things that I object to." But wait! The Lord Jesus and His inspired apostles have spoken about them, and whether one understands everything in the Bible or not, they have declared that the Scriptures cannot be broken; that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable; that the Holy Scriptures are "able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (John 10:35; II Tim. 14:17; II Peter 1:19-21.) That is the way they do it—through faith which is in Christ Jesus. The Bible culminates in Christ (Heb. 1:1-3). He is "the crown" of all the Scriptures. If you do find many things in the Bible that you do not see the meaning of, remember that all of them have their fulfillment in Him who is "the true light that lighteth every man."

A Record of Growing Light

The inspired writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews notes this fact in his first words: "God, having of old time spoken by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken to us in His Son (Heb. 1:1-2 ASV). That is to say God revealed Himself and His truth gradually so that the truth of the New Testament is more comprehensive than the truth of the Old, just as the principles of algebra and calculus are more comprehensive than the principles of arithmetic although

like them who will go out in the years to come, our missionary enterprise rests secure as long as those of us at home hold the ropes and send them forth in confidence and liberality.—Religious Herald.



GOSPEL SINGER

We are fortunate to have as the leader of songs during the Hyman Appelman revivals, Mr. T. D. "Texas" Carroll. He comes to us at the suggestion of Evangelist Appelman.

MINISTER RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

The Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Retirement Committee for 1944 is made up of Judge Sydney Smith, chairman; Rev. A. S. Johnston, secretary; Dr. H. F. Garrison, Dr. John McIntosh and Rev. James L. Sullivan.

At a recent meeting plans were made for calling this program to the attention of all our people. These brethren have given much of their time in promoting this work.

both are wholly reliable branches of mathematics. One can make use of arithmetic without knowing anything about algebra, but he cannot use algebra and ignore the laws of arithmetic. The revelation recorded in the Bible is every whit true, but does not have the same completeness and light in Abraham's day as in that of Moses, in Moses' day as in Jeremiah's, in Jeremiah's as in the New Testament. "God's purpose and His willingness to reveal Himself were the same from the first, but He was limited by human dullness and blindness and incapacity. And the Bible, faithful to the course of the revelation, records the progress of the growing light" (Weatherspoon). Thus Paul could write to the Romans with confidence that "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law" (Rom. 13:12).

What the Bible claims for itself experience confirms. Although David's Bible was limited to a small part of the complete Scriptures available to us today he gave voice to the testimony of all who hide God's Word in their hearts and live it out in their experiences.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

(Psalms 19:7-8 ASV)

Sound indeed, therefore, are the words of the apostle Peter. "And we have the word of prophecy made sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place" (II Peter 1:19 ASV).

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for January 23
JESUS TEACHES IN PARABLES
Mark 4:1-34

Introduction.

These parables are stories. It would not be the truth to say that all parables are stories in the Bible. But these parables of our Lord are stories, all of them. What sort of stories? Someone has said, "A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning," and while this statement, as has already been said, is not exhaustive of the meaning, it does make a valid judgment as to the parables of our Lord in this lesson.

Our Lord told these stories to a vast multitude of people gathered by the side, on the shore, of the Sea of Galilee. He took His seat in a boat, likely a boat belonging to Simon Peter, and had it pushed out a short distance from the shore, and from His seat in the boat taught the multitude.

I. Parable of the Sower. Mark 4:1-9; Matthew 13:1-9, 8-23; Luke 8:4-8, 11-15.

Who is the sower? Anybody who plants the word of God. No emphasis is laid upon him in this parable. Any preacher, any teacher, any deacon, any ordinary man or woman who has become extraordinary by having been touched by the Spirit of God.

What is the seed? The word of God, the gospel of the kingdom, the word of life. It is here that the sower needs be very careful. Not all that is spoken is the word of God, not all that is preached, in the pulpit and out of it, is the message of pardon from the Lord. Here from the edge of the lake the great Sower was sowing, and the seed of the living word were falling on all the varieties of soil He here mentions.

How is the sowing done, and where? By every means that the word of God is made known. It may be sown in a fireside chat in the home circle, on the streets and lanes where men and women walk together, in the place of business where men meet to talk for an idle hour. The truth can be taught at table, in classroom, any and everywhere, from the pulpit, of course. It can be sown by the distribution of the Scriptures on the streets, in hospitals, in camps where soldiers are stationed, at a sick-bed side. Letters which Christians write in the course of their friendly correspondence, in articles written for the press, in magazine articles the faithful may write, or in any sort of book which one may write or review. But let the sower be careful that what he sows is the word, rather than some caricature of it; for it is possible for the devil to pervert the truth and induce some well-intentioned man or woman to present his version, rather, his perversion of it. But according to this parable, sowing is the work of the sower. When his faithful sowing is done, he has done all he can do. God holds the sower responsible for the sowing and when that is done, God takes over and carries on. But the parable lays little emphasis upon this fact, but now upon the soil.

There are varieties of soil, and in this parable, He mentions four. Now, the soil is the hearers upon whose ears the words of truth fall, and this is the effect it produces according to the quality of the hearing accorded it: (1) "Some fell by the wayside," that is, fell on the path, on the walk, and the ground is hard in the path, on the walk, so the seed does not sink into the earth, so that birds fly down and pick it up. So there are ears that are avenues to hearts that are hard. Upon these the truth lies without sinking in, till the devil comes along and snatches it away. An enemy is at work to quicken the progress of evil that would manifest itself in time if only left alone; but you may be very sure that the devil takes delight in helping every heart he may to do and become evil.

(2) "Other fell on rocky soil." It is not a soil covered or cumbered by surface rocks, but a stratum of rock thinly covered by soil. The sun's rays warm the thin soil all the way down to the rock, and in this warm soil, the seed germinate quickly, but the factor which accounts for their quick germination works also their ruin. The roots of the tender plants run down to the rock and, finding their quest for plant-food baffled there, wither away. You have met people, quick to respond, enthusiastic, effervescent, easily moved, too easily moved in the right direction, and just as easily moved in the opposite direction. They undertake something noble, then faint when the going gets hard. Start in with a rush, faint and fall at the end of the rush. The world is heartbreakingly full of them. They have no depth. The heat burns them out.

(3) "Others fell among the thorns." Oh, the thorns were not there when the seed were sown, but the thorn seed were there, and they grew up shaded the plants grown from the good seed, and stole the food on which the good seed might have fed, and the good plants starved. "Why didn't the sower get those thorn seed out before he sowed the good seed?" Man, he couldn't see them. I planted a victory garden last year, but I couldn't get the cocklebur seed out before I planted the good seed, though I rather well knew they were in there. I had to watch that garden to keep those burs from taking it. I plucked up about 2,000,000 of those burs. Oh, well, I did pluck up 200! And the nut grass!

Now there are people whose hearts are like that garden. Which people? All of them. But there are some that just let the thorns grow. The truth falls into their minds and promises to grow and bear fruit there, but it is choked out by care for other things, love of money, of position, of pleasure, all the lusts of the world.

(4) "Others fell into good ground." I am glad He put that one in. The good ground are those who accept the word. They are the ones who hear it and believe it to be true, and trust its truth, act upon it, discipline their lives by it. If the word says do something, they do. If it says quit something, they quit. The more they do this, the more of the word they get, and the more they get, the more the fruit it bears.

II. Parable of the Candle. Mark 4:21-23; Luke 8:16, 17.

Your light was not given you to hide, but to expose where it would

shine the darkness away. Whatever truth our Lord was then sowing in the hearts of His hearers was being sown that it might bear fruit to His glory. When He plants a truth in your heart, He means for it to bear fruit. When He thrusts into your hand a lamp of truth, He means for you to let it shine for Him. When He endows you with an ability to confer blessings, He means for you to use that ability for the advancement of His interest in the world.

III. A Needed Exhortation. Mark 4:24, 25; Luke 8:18.

"Take heed what ye hear." You'd better! The warning was never more needed than now. Give ear to no man simply because his speech is pleasing, but only because he speaks the truth of God in sincerity. It is important that we attend, but there are so many voices sounding now, from every street corner and pulpit, and from every radio broadcasting station, and so many of them are not sounding forth the word of truth! Take heed what ye hear, and how.

IV. The Parables of Growth. Mark 4:26-32.

Of course, we must read the passages, or we can not get the lessons. The seed being cast into the earth, germinates. The earth lies lifeless in these parables, all the life is in the seed. The earth makes no active contribution to the harvest. Here the emphasis is laid upon God's part in the operation, man's part is simply nothing here. So we are wholly dependent upon Him for all things that He gives us, that He commands us, to which He directs us. No! There is no contradiction at all! The life of utter faith, of absolute dependence is always and ever the richest life.

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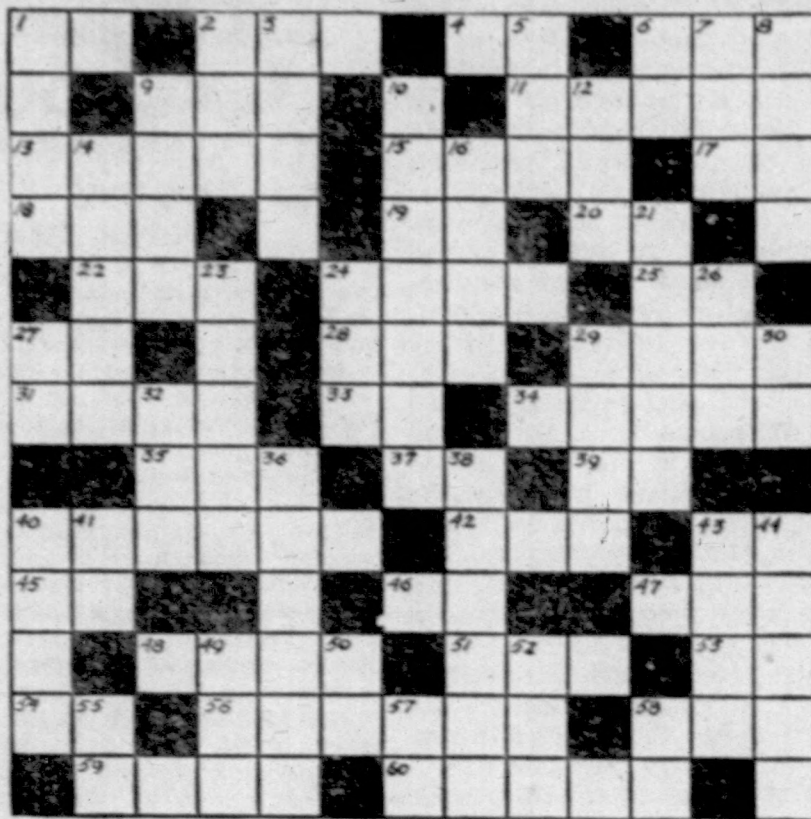
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SEEKING GOD

ACROSS

- 1 River in Italy.
- 2 "Seek the Lord . . . his strength," I Chron. 16:11.
- 4 "Seek . . . the Lord," Isa. 55:6.
- 6 "thou . . . my help," Ps. 70:5.
- 9 High-priest and judge of Israel, I Sam. 14:3.
- 11 Biblical musical term, used in the Psalms.
- 13 " . . . the children of Israel return, and seek," Hos. 3:5.
- 15 " . . . his face continually," I Chron. 16:11.
- 17 "they will seek . . . early," Hos. 5:15.
- 18 Indian weight.
- 19 Porto Rico; pair.
- 20 East Indies.
- 22 "understand, . . . seek God," Ps. 14:2.
- 24 "that seek me early shall . . . me," Prov. 8:17.
- 25 "sup with him, and he with . . .," Rev. 3:20.
- 27 Saint.
- 28 "eyes behold the things that . . . equal," Ps. 17:2.
- 29 Travel.
- 31 " . . . shall these things be," Matt. 24:3.
- 33 "seek . . . first the kingdom of God," Matt. 6:33.
- 34 "They . . . praise the Lord that seek him," Ps. 22:26.
- 35 Thing.
- 37 Compass point.
- 39 " . . . that men would praise the Lord," Ps. 107:8.
- 40 "will both . . . my sheep, and seek them out," Ezek. 34:11.
- 42 "Flesh crieth out . . . the living God," Ps. 84:2.
- 43 "If any man will come after . . .," Matt. 16:24.
- 45 "whosoever shall call . . . the name of the Lord," Acts 2:21.
- 46 " . . . thou seek him, he will be found," I Chron. 28:9.
- 47 " . . . is a reproach to any people,"

- Prov. 14:34.
 - 48 "if thou seek him . . . all thy heart," Deut. 4:29.
 - 51 "Let . . . those that seek thee rejoice," Ps. 70:4.
 - 53 New Testament.
 - 54 Sixth note in scale.
 - 56 Fasten again with string through eyelet holes.
 - 58 Sheltered place.
 - 59 " . . . heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need," Matt. 6:32.
 - 60 "serve him with a perfect . . .," I Chron. 28:9.
- Our text is 2, 4, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 40, 42, 43, 48, 51, 59 and 60 combined.

DOWN

- 1 "And it shall come to . . .," Acts 2:21.
- 2 "Have we not . . . one father," Mal. 2:10.
- 3 River in Egypt.
- 5 Compass point.
- 6 Indian mulberry.
- 7 "a . . . for a trespass offering," Lev. 19:21.
- 8 "early will I seek . . .," Ps. 63:1.
- 9 Acquire by labor.
- 10 Desire with eagerness.
- 12 Piece out.
- 14 "be like the . . . in the desert," Jer. 17:6.
- 16 Sea eagle.
- 21 Son of Zophar, I Chron. 7:36.
- 23 A guest at dinner.
- 24 Fairy.
- 26 Snake-like fish.
- 27 Compass point.
- 29 God of thunder (Scandinavian myth).
- 30 Kiloliter.
- 32 Period of time.
- 36 Sea-duck.
- 38 Blot-out.
- 40 "to the . . . that seeketh him," Lam. 3:25.
- 41 Half an em.
- 43 "heareth these says of . . . and doeth them," Matt. 7:24.
- 44 "will seek to . . . in," Luke 13:24.
- 49 Eldest son of Caleb the spy, I Chron. 4:15.
- 50 House of lords.
- 52 Meadow.
- 55 Yes (var.).
- 57 " . . . sinful nation," Isa. 1:4.
- 58 Lieutenant.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

BLESSED IS HE
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ANNUITANTS HIGHLY EVALUATE
OUR MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

Realizing the present annuitants see the Ministers Retirement Plan from "another" angle, and further realizing that these men have "gone before" making tremendous contributions to all Kingdom causes, we asked them to lay aside all hesitancy and speak their "heart-feeling." We give replies below:

"THEN AND NOW"

"When I was a young pastor I heard one of our pastors pleading for the 'Old Preachers.' He pictured two of the deacons helping the 'Old Preacher' down out of the pulpit, leading him to the church door and turning him out, telling him that he was too old and that they wanted a young man. He had nowhere to go, and could only appeal to public charity for help. A dark picture! Yes, but not so NOW, with the Ministers Retirement Fund providing for the needs of the 'Old Preacher.'

"If all our pastors could realize how 'beautiful' that retirement check looks the first of each month to the retired preacher, they would IMMEDIATELY apply for membership in the Plan.

GEORGE P. WHITE."

"What The Pastors Annuity Retirement Means to Me"

"It gives me something to look forward to. It comes as an expression of gratitude for a life's work. It helps to give the preacher's friends and children a love for the church. I do hope every pastor will join the Plan.

J. P. CULPEPPER"

"Dear Brother McCall:

Among the many things I am thankful for, one is that I took membership in the Relief and Annuity Board of Southern Baptist Convention about twenty years ago. Now I receive \$500 per year from it. I took, also, membership in the Ministers' Retirement Plan some years before I retired from the pastorate. From this I now receive \$600.00 per year, payable monthly. Our denomination planned all this. I was glad to join and pay the easy payments. Now, in old age, I am out of the pastorate and able to get on very comfortably financially. I thank the Lord for the RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD.

R. A. KIMBROUGH."

"Dear Dr. Mc:

For some time I have been thinking of writing a note of appreciation to you for the cordial, friendly way you handle the Minister Retirement checks. Thank you sincerely and a happy New Year to you and all your co-workers. I am glad I entered the "Retirement Plan." It is not good to be retired but when retired it is good to have a check coming in at the close of each month to help pay groceries and other bills. I would urge all my brethren, especially the younger men, to enter the "Plan" as soon as possible. Certainly God guided Southern Baptists in making wise provisions for those who serve in His Kingdom, and come in later years to need assistance.

J. A. TAYLOR"

"Some two or three things are possible for me to engage in since retirement allotment began. I have been able to supply in places and work among people from whom I could not expect any remuneration. I served in the Mission with sailors and seamen that came into port at Jacksonville, Florida. I have attended regularly, at intervals, the hospitals looking after the sick and suffering as may have been practical. I have also been able to teach a Sunday school class to an interesting profit to myself at least.

W. L. HOWSE."

First, we feel EVERY Mississippi Baptist Church should participate in this worthy cause by designating an amount equal to 3% of the pastor's salary and sending it for that purpose to the Convention Board office.

Second, EVERY pastor who is not now participating in this Plan should write for application blanks at once. Fill them out. Talk it over with the church field. Get tracts on the M. R. P. Come into the PLAN.

Third, EVERY participating pastor should promote the M. R. P. throughout the association.

Finally, the mistakes that really matter relative to the M. R. P. are failures in the realm of these three things.

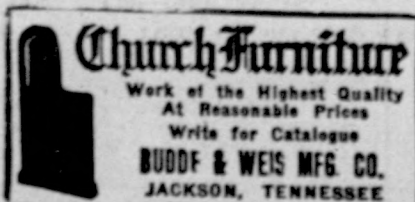
We will be glad to help any church, or any pastor in these things.

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The following excerpts from Eleanor Roosevelt's column of November 30 are provocative of thought:

"At the present time we are all concerned with the question of juvenile delinquency. It is interesting to have a report of one of the national agencies which can greatly contribute to the solution of this question.

"Boys Clubs of America, Inc., has been for more than 50 years one of the leading agencies working with boys and now has 250 clubs throughout the United States, which have a membership of over a quarter of a million boy members. . . .

"They are planning to keep their clubs open during the after-school and evening hours and there are no membership restrictions of age, race, creed, or nationality. In industrial areas, club buildings will be opened for young workers coming off the graveyard shift. Activities for older boys, such as dances, and teen age canteens, which will include the girls, are being increased. I wish that these last activities would spread to all of our school buildings as well. . . ."

While boys' clubs, rightly conducted, have a wholesome influence on youth, Mrs. Roosevelt misses the point. She is on the wrong track. The Christian home and the Sunday school are the real preventives of juvenile delinquency. Juvenile court judges are almost unanimous in their opinions that seldom do boys who have attended Sunday school regularly come before their courts. According to Mrs. Roosevelt there are 250 clubs in "Boys' Clubs of America, Inc.," with 250,000 members, whereas Southern Baptists alone have 24,745 Sunday schools with 3,430,929 members.

While the Club movement may serve well as a salvaging agency to help reduce some of the existing delinquency, the principal effort should be along preventive lines—getting more children into Sunday schools. A revival of Christianity also is needed, that we may have more Christian homes. The home is the cornerstone of the nation; the character of its citizens is determined at the mother's knee.

Young women at Blue Mountain College come from Christian homes. At Blue Mountain they are trained for Christian homemaking. Do you want a part in this? Is your church on the Glory Roll of the Blue Mountain campaign? Have you made a gift to the Blue Mountain College endowment fund?

—BR—

The Sound of the Trumpet by Grace Livingston Hill is already in its second printing. Up to the minute in setting and plot, Mrs. Hill has in this new novel told an exciting story of a band of saboteurs who try to deflect the secret of a vital mechanized gadget into the hands of the enemy. The real theme of the story, however, is the triumph of faith over evil. It is one of Mrs. Hill's best. It is published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, and sells for two dollars.

—BR—

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SUNBEAM BAND



Sunbeam Band, Monticello Baptist Patterson served as Young People's Church, Mrs. Alex Davis, leader. This leader. The two women standing are Band is sponsored by the Mattie Lee Mrs. Alex Davis (left) and Mrs. Jessie Circle of the W. M. U. Mrs. E. B. Lee (right).

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR January

Evangelism—
Soul Winning Revival—January 23-February 6—Laurel.
Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.
Three-Day Evangelistic Conference—January 24-26—Laurel.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
Tithes and Offerings.
Daily Bible Reading.
Mississippi Baptists will owe no MORE November First, 1944.
S. S.—Statewide Associational Officers Meeting.
W. M. U.—Institutes for Study of W. M. U. Year Book.
B. T. U.—Statewide Simultaneous Meetings January 24.
Associational Executive Committee Meetings.
Church Loyalty Campaign.
Denominational Day, January 23.
Church School of Missions.

February

Evangelism—
Soul Winning Revival—February 6-20—McComb, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.
Three-day Evangelistic Conference—February 14-16—McComb.
Soul Winning Revival—February 20-March 5—Jackson, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.
Three-day Evangelistic Conference—February 28-March 1—Jackson.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
Tithes and Offerings.
Daily Bible Reading.
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November 1, 1944.
Sunday School—
Associational Meetings.
W. M. U.—
Y. W. A. Focus Week—February 6-11.
Preparation for Home Mission Season of Prayer.
B. T. U.—
Tour of Colleges by State Workers. Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.
Stewardship Sunday, February 13.
Student Evangelistic Week, February 6-13.
Church Schools of Missions and Stewardship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU		
New Albany	321	104	West Laurel	334 126
Calvary Jackson	474	160	Crystal Springs	369 119
Parkway	301		West Side (Natchez)	74 28
Summit	101	86	Enon (Panola)	30 44
Watts Memorial	309	86	Hardy (Grenada)	34
New Haven (Hinds)	54		First Baptist Jackson	498
Roseland Park (Pearl River)	58	33	Bethlehem (Jones)	43 59

Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature on page 10.)

1. (New Year): Yes, it was early known as "the festival of the New Moon," the month being "Shebat," (or that of January-February). See Numbers 10:10.

2. (Month of Abib): A part of March and April, and Abib was the Egyptians' month of the "green ears of corn."

3. (The Passover): In Egypt, it was customary to stand up when partaking of the Passover. (See Exodus Chap. 12; V. II.)

4. (Epistle to Hebrews): In the early Epistle "To Hebrews," the name of Paul, as the author, is not mentioned, but it is generally accepted now that it was written by Paul, according to the Authorized Version title. It is said that Origen, a noted scholar in the early centuries, when asked who wrote it, replied, "As to who wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews, God alone knows," as it has been attributed to Luke, Apollos, Barnabas and Priscilla.

AN EXACT PICTURE OF OUR DEBTS

That we may understand the size of our debt paying task for 1944 let us take a brief backward look.

From 1939 to November 1, 1943, inclusive, we received through the Now Club for our State debts a total of \$385,112. According to plan we should have received \$540,000. During the same period we received \$154,478.86. This makes total receipts to stand at \$539,591.50 in this account.

How was this money expended during this five-year period? You have a right to that information. Bonds in the total amount of \$380,400 were taken up. Over \$120,000 more went as interest. This represents a total expenditure in the amount of \$500,400. That leaves \$39,191.53 in receipts to be further accounted for.

Additional expenditures (5-year period) were \$41,500 Now Club field, and office expenses. Paid out to Clarke College, Woman's College, etc., \$12,000 plus; deficit at start of period \$27,000. Naturally, there was an accumulation of smaller items over that period. We will not take space to list here.

As of November 1, 1943, we had a deficit of \$40,206.61 in this account. This was increased from \$27,000 at the start of the period, and was from calling a few bonds in excess of money in hand. Added on the debit side of the ledger were these items—December, bonds paid \$105,500; premiums on these bonds \$2,170; interest coupons paid \$4,635—total debit as of January 1, 1944, \$152,511.61. Credits for November-December 1943—Christian Education \$9,055.87, Now Club \$19,467.67—total \$28,523.54. Subtract from the debit side \$152,511.61 the credit total \$28,523.54, and we find we had a total deficit in this account as of January 1st, \$123,988.07. Add to this amount the \$52,500 outstanding bonds and we get the sum of \$176,488.07, the amount we must raise to clear the bond indebtedness. This amount plus a note for \$25,000 at the bank gives a complete debt picture.

While that is a considerable sum, it is not an impossible picture by any means. During last year we received through the Now Club \$130,766.29, and from the Christian Education allotment \$58,010.04—total for 1943—\$188,776.33. WE CAN DO IT AGAIN! We just have less time in which to do it, namely ten months instead of twelve—if we come to the November Convention out of debt.

We wanted to give you this rather detailed picture. Later we shall put it in shorter, more simple table form.

At least we now—again—know what we need to do. We know we have done such a thing and can do it again!

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROMOTION
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CHRISTIANITY ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

(At the request of the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference we give below the address of Dr. J. B. George. Dr. George was unable to attend the conference and the address was read by Rev. Chester Moulder, B. S. U. secretary at Mississippi Southern College.)

Dear Brother Moulder:

It will be impossible for me to appear on the program in Jackson on Tuesday, November 16. I am taking the liberty of asking you to represent me on this program. Please express to this great conference of workers my sincere regret in being unable to appear before them in person.

The subject that was assigned me is "Christianity on the College Campus." I am asking you to discuss this subject for me.

Will you please state to the conference for me the following:

Most young men and young women have passed their seventeenth birthday when they enter college. The life they live on the college campus reflects the teachings of the home. Young men and young women who are taught to live the Christian way of life in the home continue to live this type of life on the college campus. If goes without saying, that these lives need constant encouragement and constant directing. I trust that our great denomination will realize as never before the great opportunity on the campus of each state-owned senior college. We enroll a far greater number of students from the homes of Mississippi than are enrolled in our denominational colleges. Therefore, a worker on the campus of a state-owned institution can touch the lives of a far greater number of people than the worker on the campus of an institution owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination. I have seen great results from the work done on our own college campus and the one in charge of this work has touched the lives of many, many boys and girls of our state. . . .

A few months ago I was on the reservation at Camp Shelby and was talking to a chaplain who holds the rank of captain. I found that this chaplain's home was in Rhode Island. We were standing in front of one of the chapels about 9:30 p. m. I could see at a distance great numbers of young men as they passed under an electric light. I said to my friend, "I have a specific question I want to ask you and I would like for you to give me a definite answer." The question was, "Do those young men passing under that electric light have their heads on their shoulders and their feet on the ground?"

The chaplain said to me, "I know exactly what you mean and after several years of study I can give you a definite answer. The young men who have been trained in Christian homes have their feet on the ground and their heads on their shoulders. The young men who have not been trained in Christian homes do not."

This chaplain stated that when he returns to civilian life he plans to devote the remaining years of his life to the young men and young women of our nation. He stated that it was difficult to reach the unsaved fathers and mothers in the homes today, but if the young people could be reached the next generation would

be greater.

He then turned to me and said, "Dr. George, give your life to training young men and young women to live the Christ-like life and when they become the fathers and mothers we will have a better world in which to live." I am passing this testimony on to you because you, the pastors and laymen of Mississippi, should meet this challenge. It has been my observation that the majority of the young men and young women are willing to follow good leadership. The amount of growth that takes place on the college campus is determined by the basic training given in the home.

Continuing the discussion of Christianity on the College Campus, C. S. Moulder spoke as follows:

It has been said that the missionary idea in America originated on a college campus. We might verify this statement by such missionary leaders as Judson, Rice, and many others. The Baptist Student Union originated on a college campus. The mission of the Baptist Student Union on our high school and college campuses is to win the lost and train the saved. We have to use our students or lose them. Through our Christian training, leaders of both state and southwide are coming to our college campuses asking our college students to teach Sunday school, Baptist Training Union study courses, Vacation Bible schools, etc. Many of our college students are being trained for pastors, song leaders, church secretaries, and educational directors. To reach First Magnitude in Baptist student work there are ten requirements. One is that seventy-five percent of our Baptist students must attend a religious service for three consecutive months. I wonder if seventy-five of our church members attend the church services regularly for three consecutive months. Christianity in action on our college campuses is also manifested through the Y. W. A., Brotherhood, Life Service Band, Ministerial Association, and Bible classes.

For the past two years we have had a new field of Christianity in action. Our colleges have been filled with soldiers from all over the United States. We have been able to lead many of them to Christ, and comfort the hearts of those who were saved. A few years ago quite a few of our college authorities saw that our students were wandering in the wilderness with a dissatisfied campus life. They saw that many of our students were "falling by the wayside" to the extent that some were even taking their own lives. Many colleges tried to satisfy the minds of the students by organizing clubs, fraternities, dancing parties, etc. But our college instructors have found that these things did not satisfy the minds of our better thinking class of students. We learn through experience that the better type students are crying for spiritual food.

Why should we be so much concerned about Christianity in action on our college campuses? The sharper the ax the deeper it will cut. A college education in the hands of a fool is a dangerous weapon. If we train a student physically only, we have a brute. If we have a student mentally only, we have a fanatic or a fool. But if we train a student physically, mentally and spiritually, we have a well balanced student. Our institutions of learning are springs that make up the stream of life. Today, as never before, our preachers, missionaries, teachers, lawyers, doctors, farmers, merchants and all other vocations are coming from our college campuses. If our springs are muddy, so will the stream of life be muddy. It is easier to purify the springs than the stream.

—BR—

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Luther J. Holcomb
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Secretary of State Cordell Hull is not a clergyman. However, he "preached" a powerful "sermon" in that "Mission to Moscow" report before joint Congressional sessions, where members had joined with Dr. James Shera Montgomery, House chaplain, in jointly repeating the Lord's Prayer for the first time in Congressional history.

Cordell Hull's speech, delivered in his colorful Tennessee twang, indicated our country's firm determination to join with other peace-loving nations in winning a Christian peace after the bombs stop falling, and Johnny comes marching home.

His message, warmly received by Democrats and Republicans alike, strongly implied that we intend to win that Christian peace through proper political, economic and social machinery and through that spirit of Christian neighborliness that is characteristically American. In the hustle and bustle of modern living, it seems that old-time neighborliness vanished. It has not died.

For those Christians to whom Soviet Russia is a big question mark, there was a reassuring note in Cordell Hull's "sermon" . . . a feeling that Christian good will is now beginning to rise, and will continue to rise, above any fears of Communism or Bolshevism.

As we sat in that packed House gallery recently and heard Cordell Hull roundly applauded as he called Stalin one of this age's greatest statesmen and leaders, we got to thinking about the people of Russia, their valiant struggle against the Nazis, and their inherent religious spirit.

Secretary Hull's reference to the need for world neighborliness reminded us of a family we knew "back when." Everyone called them "The Battling Smiths," they fought so among themselves. But something happened one day to one member of the family. Family honor was at stake. Old quarrels soon were forgotten in the family's grim determination to fight together as a solid bloc against a common menace. The statesman's reference to nations having come together in a brotherhood of self-preservation has a lesson in it for all of us.

If we can't live together as peaceful civilized human beings, even for the sake of self-preservation, then we will have to die like beasts of the jungle.

Verily, Layman Cordell Hull "preached" a "sermon." His "congregation" of all faiths, races, and creeds who heard the message beside their radios and in the stately halls of Congress were the people of America upon whom ultimately will rest the responsibility for putting some of that small-town back-bence neighborliness into international relations.

It can be done. After hearing Cordell Hull's "sermon" we know it will be done, with the help of the God-fearing peoples of the family of nations. The Moscow parley was a big step in that direction, it was history in the making, the shape of things to come.

The unprecedented joint assembly of the House and Senate to hear a cabinet member, was a closed session

CHRISTIANITY OUR CITADEL

Roland Q. Leavell

This book has been written for our study to prepare our hearts for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The title is very significant at this time. In the opening paragraph Dr. Leavell says, "The hand of God and the hands of Christian people have brought American of today to a position of prestige, power and possibility for world conquest for Christ." Later he adds, "America must build a citadel of Christianity if America is to survive." Again, "If we build Christianity as our citadel, the future is ours in America." Then, "Baptists can be the spearhead in the present and future Christian offensive. One out of every six professing Christians in the United States is a Baptist. In the South about 36% of all church members are Baptists." He calls us to awake and march to the challenge of an unfinished task. "We must save America if we save the world."

Dr. J. B. Lawrence says in the introduction, "It is a most valuable contribution to our mission literature. Dr. Leavell has tapped sources of information through his personal contact with Home Mission work and in a most charming way has given breath to this material and made it a living thing to charm and inspire us to greater effort in the evangelization of our homeland."

"Dr. Leavell has packed into these pages a story of achievement that should be known to every Baptist. The missionaries of yesteryears march before us bringing us in their arms the fruit of the labors. Here is history dramatized, a history to be proud of, a record to rejoice in, achievements to make glad the heart and thrill the soul."

"This book, because of its worth, should be in the library of every Baptist. Every woman should have it for reference in the coming years. We send it forth with the assurance that the information given will inspire to greater effort on the part of our women in the March Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering in 1944."

MRS. W. A. BELL,
State Mission Study Leader.

—BR—

Dr. J. F. Carter has resigned at Elliston Ridge, Winston county in order to become the missionary for Winston County Association.

and I am indeed grateful to Congressman Hatton W. Sumners for making it possible for me to hear this historic report. As I strolled from the Capitol to the House Office Building with Congressman Sumners, who has faithfully served in Congress for thirty-one years, he said, "People are waking up, they are finding out how small is man and great is God." Then as we viewed the Capitol Building from the step of the House Office Building, he said, "God is the Big Boss. Only in the field of government do human being now ignore this fact, and in the field of government is the one outstanding failure of this age, but people are waking up and the Big Boss is still alive."

Inside the House Office Building, I stood by a huge globe, and breathed a silent prayer that America might fully realize the full meaning of "For God so loved the world. . . ."